



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Consultant Services

R21- 041NS

Date issued: March 19, 2021

BENEFITS CONSULTANT

THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

The City of Colorado Springs requests Firm Fixed Price (FFP) proposals, as detailed in this Request for Proposal (RFP), for Benefits Consulting Services

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SECTION I – PROPOSAL INFORMATION

1.0 PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Section I provides general information to potential Offerors, such as proposal submission instructions and other similar administrative elements. This RFP is available on Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System (www.rockymountainbidsystem.com). All addenda or amendments shall be issued through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System and may not be available through any other source.

1.1 RFP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The upcoming schedule of events is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Issue Request for Proposal	March 19, 2021
Pre-Proposal Conference	March 30, 2021 9:00 am

We will hold one virtual pre-proposal conference. This meeting is not mandatory, however all Offerors are encouraged to attend. Log in Information for meeting is:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

+1 720-617-3426,,703855677# United States, Denver

Phone Conference ID: 703 855 677#

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Cut Off Date for Questions April 8, 2021 10:00 am M.S.T.

Questions about the RFP must be emailed in writing and directed to Nicole Spindler, at the following email address: Nicole.Spindler@coloradosprings.gov. A written response to any inquiry may be provided in the form of an Amendment to the solicitation. See 1.7 Amendments. Questions must be received no later than Date.

DO NOT CONTACT ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AT THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION.
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The only acceptable method of submitting questions is by email to the Contracting Specialist. Faxes or physical mail delivery are not acceptable.

Proposal Due Date	April 21, 2021 3:00 pm M.S.T.
Interviews (if applicable)	Week of May 13, 2021 (tentative)
Award of Contract	Late May 2021 (tentative)
Notice to Proceed	July 2021 (tentative)

1.2 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

Proposals are to be submitted **electronically** online at Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System (www.bidnetdirect.com). Please review the submission requirements *well in advance* of submission date and time; and allow for ample time to upload each required document. It is recommended that Offerors begin the submission process at least one (1) day in advance of the proposal deadline.

Offerors are solely responsible to ensure their bid documents are uploaded and submitted correctly, and that a **confirmation number** is obtained upon successful submission.

Customer Support Team for www.bidnetdirect.com can be reached 1-800-835-4603.

*******NO LATE OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED*******

Date/Time: Proposals shall be received on or before 3:00 PM MST, April 21, 2021.

1.3 NUMBER OF COPIES

Offerors shall submit two electronic copies of their proposal. One (1) copy shall be a full proposal to include any confidential or proprietary information. In addition, one (1) copy of your proposal must be submitted for public viewing and should be marked 'PUBLIC'. The purpose of this copy is to meet the requirements of the Colorado Open Records Act and should not contain your proprietary information. Upon submission, all proposal documents shall become and remain the property of the City of Colorado Springs.

1.4 SPECIAL TERMS

Please note the following definitions of terms as used herein:

The term "City" means the City of Colorado Springs.

The term “Contractor” or “Consultant” means the Offeror whose offer is accepted and is awarded the contract to provide the products or services specified in the RFP.

The term “Offer” means the proposal.

The term “Offeror” means the person, firm, or corporation that submits a formal proposal or offer and that may or may not be successful in being awarded the contract.

The term “Project” refers to R21-041 NS Benefits Consulting Services.

The term “Request for Proposal” or “RFP” means this solicitation of a formal, negotiable proposal/offer. Any offer that is accepted will be the offer that is deemed by the City of Colorado Springs to be most advantageous in terms of the criteria designated in the RFP.

1.5 RFP OBJECTIVE

The objective of this RFP is to provide sufficient information to enable qualified Offerors to submit written proposals to the City of Colorado Springs. The RFP is not a contractual offer or commitment to purchase products or services. The Offeror may present options and variables to the scope while still meeting the minimum requirements of this solicitation. Innovative proposals/solutions are encouraged and considered in the selection and/or award.

All information included in proposals must be legible. Any and all corrections and erasures must be initialed by Offeror. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cover letter signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror. The contents of the proposal submitted by the successful Offeror may become part of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation.

1.6 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

If an Offeror believes that parts of an offer are confidential, then the Offeror must so specify. The Offeror must include in bold letters the term “CONFIDENTIAL” on that part of the offer which the Offeror believes to be confidential. The Offeror must submit in writing specific detailed reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why the Offeror believes the material to be confidential. Vague and general claims as to confidentiality will not be accepted. The City of Colorado Springs will be the sole judge as to whether a claim is acceptable. Decisions regarding the confidentiality of information will be made when requests are made to make the information public. All offers and parts of offers, which are not marked as confidential, will automatically be considered public information after the contract is awarded. The successful offer may be considered public information even though parts are marked confidential.

1.7 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this RFP may be issued at any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Offerors are required to acknowledge receipt of any amendments issued to this RFP by returning a signed copy of each amendment issued. Signed copies of each amendment must be received on or before the time set for receipt of offers.

The City of Colorado Springs will post all amendments on the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System (www.rockymountainbidsystem.com). It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the website for posted amendments or contact the Contracts Specialist listed to confirm the number of amendments which have been issued.

1.8 WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF OFFERS

Any Offeror may modify or withdraw an offer in writing at any time prior to the deadline for submission of an offer.

1.9 ACCEPTANCE

Any offer received and not withdrawn shall be considered an offer, which may be accepted by the City of Colorado Springs based on initial submission without discussions or negotiations.

By submitting an offer in response to this solicitation, the Offeror agrees that any offer it submits may be accepted by the City of Colorado Springs at any time within 90 calendar days from the date of submission deadline.

The City of Colorado Springs reserves the right (a) to reject any or all offers, (b) to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received, and/or (c) to accept any portion of an offer if deemed in the best interest of the City of Colorado Springs. Failure of the Offeror to provide in its offer any information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the offer for non-responsiveness.

1.10 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COST

The cost of proposal preparation is not a reimbursable cost. Proposal preparation shall be at the Offeror's sole expense and is the Offeror's total and sole responsibility.

1.11 AWARD

The City of Colorado Springs intends to make an award using the evaluation criteria listed in this RFP to determine the best value, considering all factors and criteria in the proposals submitted. Best value means the expected outcome of an acquisition that, in the City's estimation, provides the greatest overall benefit in response to the requirements detailed in the RFP. The City of Colorado Springs reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to not make an award.

1.12 PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The performance period of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP is anticipated to be as follows.

Base Year: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Option Year 1: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Option Year 2: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Option Year 3: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Option Year 4: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

1.13 DEBRIEFING

Offerors not selected may request a debriefing on the selection process as well as discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of their proposal upon receipt of notification that their offer was not selected.

A debriefing may be scheduled by contacting the Contracts Specialist listed above. The Contracts Specialist must receive a written request for debriefing no later than ten (10) calendar days after issuance of a notification that the Offeror's offer was not selected.

1.14 SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS

By responding to this RFP, the Offeror certifies (a) that Offeror's proposal is genuine and is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, an undisclosed person, firm, or corporation; (b) that Offeror has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other offerors to put in a false or sham proposal; (c) that Offeror has not solicited or induced any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain or abstain from proposing an offer or proposal; (d) that Offeror has not sought by collusion to obtain for themselves any advantage over any other offerors or over the City of Colorado Springs; and (e) that Offeror has not violated or caused any person to violate, and shall not violate or cause any person to violate, the City's Code of Ethics contained in Article 3, of Chapter 1 of the City Code and in the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations.

1.15 OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS

Each Offeror must complete Exhibit 6 – Qualification Statement.

No contract will be awarded to any Offeror who is in arrears to the City, upon any debt or contract, or who is in default, in any capacity, upon any obligation to the City or is deemed to be irresponsible or unreliable by the City based on past performance.

1.16 NON-COLORADO ENTITIES

If Offeror is a foreign entity, Offeror shall comply with C.R.S. section 7-90-801, "Authority to transact business or conduct activities required," and section 7-90-802, "Consequences of transacting business or conducting activities without authority."

Before or at the time that the contract is awarded to an entity organized or operating outside the State of Colorado, such entity shall obtain authorization to do business in the State of Colorado, designate a place of business herein, and appoint an agent for service of process.

Such entity must furnish the City of Colorado Springs with a certificate from the Secretary of the State of Colorado to the effect that a certificate of authority to do business in the State of Colorado has been issued by that office and is still valid. The entity shall also provide the City with a certified copy of the designation of place of business and appointment of agent for service of process from the Colorado Secretary of State, or a letter from the Colorado Secretary of State that such designation of place of business and agent for service of process has been made.

1.17 PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All projects advertised by the City of Colorado Springs are solicited in accordance with the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations. The City's Procurement Rules and Regulations can be reviewed and/or downloaded from the City website www.coloradosprings.gov. The Contracts Specialist may also provide a softcopy of the Rules and Regulations upon request. Any discrepancies regarding conflicting statements, decisions, irregularities, clauses, or specifications will be rectified utilizing the City's Procurement Rules and Regulations, when applicable. It is the Offeror's responsibility to advise the Contracts Specialist listed in this RFP of any perceived discrepancies prior to the date and time the offer is due.

1.18 FAIR TREATMENT OF OFFERORS

The City Procurement Services Division shall be responsible for ensuring the procurement of products, commodities, and services are in a manner that affords all responsible businesses a fair and equal opportunity to compete. If an Offeror believes that a procurement is not conducted in a fair and equitable manner, the Offeror is encouraged to inform the City Procurement Services Manager as soon as possible.

1.19 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this solicitation shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- (a) Sections I-IV of this Solicitation
- (b) Statement of Work
- (c) Other Appendices, Schedules, Exhibits, or Attachments

1.20 RESERVED

1.21 INTERPRETATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Any change to proposal forms, plans, or specifications prior to the opening of proposals will be issued by the City in the form of an Amendment. Certain individuals may be named in the RFP that have authority to provide information, clarification or interpretation to Offerors prior to opening of proposals. Information obtained from persons other than those named individuals is invalid and shall not be used for proposal purposes.

1.22 COMBINATION OR CONDITIONAL PROPOSALS

If an RFP is issued for projects in combination and separately, the Offeror may submit proposals either on the combination or on separate units of the combination. The City reserves the right to make awards on combination or separate proposals to the advantage of the City. Combination proposals will be considered, only when specified.

1.23 ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The Offeror by signing their proposal submitted to the City is certifying that the Offeror has not participated in any collusion or taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding. This statement may also be in the form of an affidavit provided by the City and signed by the Offeror. The original of the signed anti-collusion affidavit, if separately required and provided with the RFP, shall be submitted with the proposal. The proposal will be rejected if it does not contain the completed anti-collusion affidavit.

SECTION II – PROPOSAL CONTENT

2.0 PROPOSAL CONTENT

Section II provides instructions regarding the format and content required for proposals submitted in response to this solicitation.

2.1 PROPOSAL FORMAT

Offeror's written proposal should include concise, but complete, information, emphasizing why the Offeror is best or best qualified to provide the required services. The Offeror's written proposal should include the information in the format outlined below and must be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) pages. **A page shall be defined as 8-1/2" x 11"; single sided, with one inch margins, and a minimum font of Times New Roman 10.**

The only exception to the 8-1/2" x 11" paper size is the proposed project schedule. It may be submitted on 11" x 17" paper. Each 11" x 17" page for the schedule shall be counted in the overall page limitations above. Each section of the proposal should be labeled to clearly follow the requirements sections identified in this section of the RFP. The following listed Exhibits must be filled out and returned with the proposal and are not counted against the page limit:

- Exhibit 1 Proposal Certification
- Exhibit 3 Exceptions
- Exhibit 4 Minimum Insurance Requirements Checklist
- Exhibit 6 Qualification Statement
- Exhibit 8 Benefits Consulting Questionnaire
- Exhibit 9 Business Associate Agreement (BAA)

2.2 COVER LETTER

The cover letter shall be no more than three pages. The cover letter shall contain at least the following information.

- A. RFP Number and Project Name.
- B. Statement that the Offeror is qualified to perform the work.
- C. Certification Statement that the information and data submitted are true and complete to the best knowledge of the individual signing the letter.
- D. Name, telephone number, email address, and physical address of the individual to contact regarding the proposal.
- E. The signature of an authorized principal, partner, or officer of the Offeror.

2.3 PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION

The Offeror must fill out and submit Exhibit 1 with its Proposal.

2.4 ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The Offeror must provide a brief history and overview of its company and its organizational structure, with special emphasis on how this project will fit within that structure. Also include principal place of business location(s), office locations, size of firm, and assessment of financial stability.

2.5 EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

In this section, the Offeror must demonstrate that it meets and/or exceeds all requirements regarding expertise and qualifications of personnel proposed to complete the work defined in the Statement of Work/Scope of Services of this RFP. Qualifications of personnel are considered of the essence of the services provided. Therefore, the Offeror must provide information on Key Personnel who will be the personnel performing the consulting services.

A. Relevant Experience

In the Expertise and Qualifications Area, the Offeror should provide at least three references or identify contracts demonstrating that it successfully provided services/products that are the same or similar to those required in the RFP. The proposal should adequately explain the successful outcomes of the projects. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.

1. Does the proposal include at least three references or past performance citations?
2. Are the references or past performance citations relevant to the requirements of the Statement of Work of the RFP?
3. Does the Offeror explain how they were successful on the projects provided as past performance?
4. Does the Offeror apply the past performance to the City requirement in such a way as to demonstrate added value due to experience?
5. Completion of the Questionnaire Exhibit 7

B. Key Personnel

In the Expertise and Qualifications Area, resumes must be provided for all personnel who would be performing work on the resultant Contract. Resumes do not count toward the page limit. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions. Explain how the key personnel were related to the projects cited as relevant past performance.

1. Does the Offeror provide complete resumes, including education, experience, background information, accomplishments, and other pertinent information?
2. Does the Offeror provide resumes for all key personnel, as required by the RFP?

3. Do the resumes demonstrate adequate professional, technical, and management levels to accomplish the work effectively and efficiently?
4. Do the key personnel possess all requisite certifications, licenses, experience, etc.?

2.6 PRICE AREA

In the Price Area, the Offeror should provide a detailed breakdown of the price for period of performance. The price must be all-inclusive and include all unit costs for material, labor, other direct costs (e.g. travel), indirect costs (i.e. overhead and general and administrative costs), and profit/fee. Offers must include sufficient detail to allow insight into the fairness and reasonableness of the price. If the contract type will be Time and Material (T&M), labor categories, labor rates, separated profit, and estimated material costs must be included in detail.

In addition, although price may not be the most important factor, it is still very important to the City of Colorado Springs. The Offeror's pricing must be competitive as compared to the budget amount, market pricing in the industry, and the pricing of other Offerors. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.

1. How does the price compare to the industry competition?
2. If low, is it unrealistically low?
3. If high, is there demonstrated added value for the additional cost?
4. Is the price itemized, so that it is clear how the cost was built? If so, do the costs look appropriate for the task?
5. Does the Offeror leave applicable costs out of the calculations? For instance, some will say travel is not included and will be an extra cost. This should be considered when comparing to other Offerors.
6. Are there additional costs not addressed that the City would incur if the Offeror were awarded the contract? If so, include those costs when comparing to the budget amount and the competition.

2.7 PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Presentation is an important factor. Offerors should provide a highly professional product, which is complete, accurate, easily understood, and effectively presented.

2.8 EXCEPTIONS

All Offerors must complete Exhibit 3, Exceptions Form and return it with their proposal. Some terms and conditions are not negotiable. Exceptions may be grounds for rendering the proposal unacceptable without further discussions.

2.9 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All Offerors must complete Exhibit 4, Minimum Insurance Requirements and return with their proposal. Lack of responsiveness in this area may be grounds for rendering the proposal unacceptable without further discussions.

SECTION III – EVALUATION FACTORS

3.0 EVALUATION AND AWARD

Section III provides information regarding evaluation criteria and scoring. It also includes information regarding proposal selection and award of the resultant contract.

3.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1.1 EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

See Section II - Item 2.5

3.1.2 PRICE

See Section II – Item 2.6

3.1.3 PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

See Section II – Item 2.7

3.1.4 EXCEPTIONS AND INSURANCE

See Section II – Items 2.8 and 2.9

3.2 RANKING

A. The order of ranking or importance in the evaluation shall be as follows:

First: Expertise and Qualifications

Second: Price

Third: Proposal Presentation

Exceptions and Insurance areas will be scored as pass or fail. Failure in this area may result in disqualification from award.

B. Possible scores for each criterion shall be as follows:

5 – Exceptional

4 – Very Good

3 – Satisfactory

2 – Marginal

1 – Unacceptable

C. Definitions for scoring are as follows:

1. The following apply to the Expertise and Qualifications Area:

Exceptional – The proposal meets all and exceeds many of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer all questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions

required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Very Good -- The proposal meets all and exceeds some of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer most questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed.

Satisfactory -- The proposal meets the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer many questions without need for further inquiry. There are very few corrective actions required, and no substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Marginal -- The proposal does not meet some of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require some clarification. There are some corrective actions required, and some non-substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

Unacceptable -- The proposal does not meet many of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require much clarification. There are many corrective actions required, and substantive compromise of requirements is needed.

2. The following apply to the Price Area:

Exceptional – The proposal meets all and exceeds many of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer all questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed. The price is lower than the budget amount and/or the average price of the competition.

Very Good -- The proposal meets all and exceeds some of the requirements of the RFP to the benefit of the City, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer most questions without need for further inquiry. There are no corrective actions required, and no compromise of requirements is needed. The price is lower than the budget amount and/or the average price of the competition.

Satisfactory -- The proposal meets the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to answer many questions without need for further inquiry. There are very few corrective actions required, and no substantive compromise of requirements is needed. The price is very close to the budget amount and/or the average price of the competition.

Marginal -- The proposal does not meet some of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require some clarification. There are some corrective actions required, and some non-substantive compromise of requirements is needed. The price exceeds the budget amount and/or the average

price of the competition.

Unacceptable -- The proposal does not meet many of the requirements of the RFP, and the information provided is of such a nature as to require much clarification. There are many corrective actions required, and substantive compromise of requirements is needed. The price significantly exceeds the budget amount and/or the average price of the competition.

3. The following apply to the Proposal Presentation Area:

Exceptional – The proposal is professionally communicated, complete in all areas, provides sufficient detail, and is presented in a clear and effective manner. The quality far exceeds that of the competition, industry standard, or reasonable expectation.

Very Good -- The proposal is professionally communicated, complete in all areas, provides sufficient detail, and is presented in a clear and effective manner. The quality exceeds that of the competition, industry standard, or reasonable expectation.

Satisfactory -- The proposal is professionally communicated, complete in all areas, provides sufficient detail, and is presented in a clear and effective manner. The quality is equal to that of the competition, industry standard, or reasonable expectation.

Marginal -- The proposal is not professionally communicated and is incomplete in some areas, provides insufficient detail, and is not presented in a clear and effective manner. The quality is below that of the competition, industry standard, or reasonable expectation.

Unacceptable -- The proposal is not professionally communicated and is incomplete in many areas, provides insufficient detail, and is not presented in a clear and effective manner. The quality is far below that of the competition, industry standard, or reasonable expectation.

4. The following apply to the Exceptions and Insurance Areas

Exceptions and insurance will be evaluated as pass or fail. Whether or not exceptions to City terms and conditions are acceptable or unacceptable will be determined at the sole discretion of the City. Any exceptions deemed unacceptable may result in a “fail” rating. The Insurance Area will be rated as “pass”, unless the Offeror fails to meet any stated insurance requirement provided in this RFP. If the Offeror fails to meet any stated insurance requirement provided in this RFP, the Offeror will be rated “fail” in the Insurance Area. A rating of “fail” in either of these areas may result in disqualification from award.

D. Area Scoring

The score for each area will be determined by multiplying the sum of the criteria in each

area by the area evaluation factor. The area evaluation factors are as follows:

Expertise and Qualifications Area: .50

Price: .40

Proposal Presentation: .10

E. Final/Overall Scoring

The final proposal score will be determined by adding the area scoring. The sum of the area scores will be the final/overall score.

3.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

A selection committee will review all proposals. Through this process, the City will determine which proposals are acceptable or unacceptable. The City will notify, in writing, the Offerors whose proposals are deemed to be unacceptable. Those Offerors offering proposals deemed to be acceptable by the City will be evaluated and scored by the selection committee. This scoring will determine which Offerors are considered to be in the competitive range and may be the basis for an award decision without further steps.

If the selection committee elects not to award based upon evaluation scoring, it may engage in a forced elimination process. To inform this process, it may require oral presentations or interviews with the Offerors considered to be in the competitive range. If oral presentations or interviews are conducted, they may also be scored, or they may simply be considered as information supporting the forced elimination process. The selection committee may request revisions to the proposal from each of the Offerors at the conclusion of the interviews. The intent of the forced elimination process is to reach consensus. The decision will be based on all relevant factors, and based upon perception of best value. The final decision may or may not exactly reflect scoring ranking.

The City also reserves the right to request best and final offers from all Offerors at any point in the proposal evaluation process.

3.4 AWARD OF CONTRACT

It is anticipated that there will be negotiations or discussions with Offerors. However, the City reserves the right to award without negotiations or discussions. The City also reserves the right to award a contract not necessarily or merely to the Offeror with the most advantageous price. The City intends to award to the Offeror that demonstrates the best value to the City and the most substantiated ability to fulfill the requirements contained in this Request for Proposal. A contract prepared by the City will be finalized and/or negotiated with the successful Offeror. In the event a contract cannot be negotiated with the top ranked Offeror, the City may enter into negotiations with the second highest ranked Offeror, or the City may decide to call for new proposals. Immediately after the notice of award, the successful Offeror will begin planning in conjunction with the City of Colorado Springs staff (to be designated by the City) to ensure fulfillment of all its obligations. The successful Offeror may be expected to attend regular meetings as required by the City to assist in the preparation for startup.

SECTION IV – SPECIAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS/SPECIAL SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

In addition to the special contract terms and conditions listed below, the City's sample contract, see Exhibit 2, contains contract terms and conditions.

There are no additional terms and conditions.

SECTION V – EXHIBITS

1.0 EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1	Proposal Certification
Exhibit 2	Sample Contract
Exhibit 3	Exceptions
Exhibit 4	Minimum Insurance Requirements
Exhibit 5	Statement of Work
Exhibit 6	Qualification Statement
Exhibit 7	Evaluation Scoresheet
Exhibit 8	Benefits Consulting Questionnaire
Exhibit 9	Business Associate Agreement

EXHIBIT 1 PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION

Check or Mark the space after each number to indicate compliance.

1. _____ Address of Offeror's Principal Place of Business:

Does Offeror have an established office or facility in Colorado Springs?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, indicate address below if different than Principal Place of Business.

Colorado Springs Facility - Year established _____

Address of Colorado Springs Facility:

Percent of Work to be Performed from Principal Place of Business? _____

Percent of Work to be Performed from Colorado Springs Facility? _____

2. _____ Indicate your ability to provide a certificate of insurance evidencing the required coverage types and limits specified in Minimum Insurance Requirements Exhibit. (The certificate of insurance must reflect the City of Colorado Springs as an Additional Insured, as applicable.)

Indicate your ability to comply with the following requirements:

The City shall be added as an Additional Insured to all liability policies:

Yes _____ No _____

Your property and liability insurance company is licensed to do business in Colorado:

Yes _____ No _____

Provide the name of your property and liability insurance company here:

Name: _____

Your property and liability insurance company has an AM best rating of not less than B+ and/or VII:

Yes _____ No _____

Worker's Compensation Insurance is carried for all employees and covers work done in Colorado.

Yes _____ No _____

3. N/A Provide one (1) copy of current financial statements (if required). Enclose financial information in a separate envelope; do not bind with the other proposal copies. If review of the information is to be restricted to the City's financial officer, it must be marked accordingly. Audited Financial Statements may be requested of short listed firms for responsibility determination.

4. _____ Provide the completed and signed proposal. (Proposals must be identified as specified in this RFP document). All required Exhibits are attached.

By signing below, the Offeror certifies that no person or firm other than the Offeror or as otherwise indicated has any interest whatsoever in this offer or any Contract that may be entered into as a result of this offer and that in all respects the offer is legal and firm, submitted in good faith without collusion or fraud.

Offeror has appointed _____ as the Offeror's representative and contact for all questions or clarifications in regard to this Offeror.

Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

The undersigned acknowledges and understands the terms, conditions, Specifications and all Requirements contained and/or referenced and are legally authorized by the Offeror to make the above statements or representations.

(Name of Company)

(Signature)

(Address)

Date

(City, State and Zip)

(Telephone Number)

(Name typed/Printed)

(Title)

(E-Mail Address)

FEDERAL TAX ID # _____

This Company Is: Corporation____ Individual____ Partnership____ LLC____

Offeror hereby acknowledges receipt of the following amendments, if applicable Offeror agrees that it is bound by all Amendments identified herein.

AMENDMENT #1_____ DATED:_____

AMENDMENT #2_____ DATED:_____

AMENDMENT #3_____ DATED:_____

Please Note the attached Representations and Certifications must be initialed by Offeror in the spaces provided and returned with this certification.

REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Exhibit 1 Continued

1. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Offeror shall comply with all insurance requirements and will submit the Insurance Certificates prior to performance start date. If limits are different from the stated amounts, Offeror shall explain variance. Certain endorsements and “additionally insured” statements may require further clarification and specific statements on a project specific basis and should have been described in the Offeror’s proposal.

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2. ETHICS VIOLATIONS

- a) The Offeror shall have in place and follow reasonable procedures designed to prevent and detect possible violations described in this clause in its own operations and direct business relationships.
- b) Offeror certifies the Offeror has not violated or caused any person to violate, and shall not violate or cause any person to violate, the City’s Code of Ethics contained in Article 3, of Chapter 1 of the City Code and in the City’s Procurement Rules and Regulations
- c) When the Offeror has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation described in this clause may have occurred, the Offeror shall promptly report the possible violation to the City Contracts Specialist in writing.
- c) The Offeror must disclose with the signing of this proposal, the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the City and any City employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of ten percent (10%) or more in the Offeror’s firm or any of its branches.
- d) In addition, the Offeror must report any conflict or apparent conflict, current or discovered during the performance of the Contract, to the City Contracts Specialist.
- e) The Offeror shall not engage in providing gifts, meals or other amenities to City employees. The right of the Offeror to proceed may be terminated by written notice issued by City Contracts Specialist if Offeror offered or gave a gratuity to an officer, official, or employee of the City and intended by the gratuity to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under a contract.
- f) The Offeror shall cooperate fully with the City or any agency investigating a possible violation on behalf of the City. If any violation is determined, the Offeror will properly compensate the City.
- g) The Offeror agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause (after substituting “Contractor” for “Offeror”) in all subcontracts under this offer.

Initials for 2

3. ILLEGAL ALIENS

If Offeror has any employees or subcontractors, Offeror shall comply with § 8-17.5-101, et seq., C.R.S. regarding Illegal Aliens – Public Contracts for Services, and this section of this Agreement. 8-17.5-102 includes, in part, that:

1. Offeror shall not:
 - a. Knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement; or
 - b. Enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to certify to Offeror that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement.
2. Offeror has verified or attempted to verify that Offeror does not employ any illegal aliens and, will participate in the E-Verify Program or State Department program in order to confirm eligibility of all employees who are newly hired to perform work under public contract for services.
3. Offeror will not use E-Verify Program or State Department program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while the public contract for services is being performed.
4. If Offeror obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this Agreement knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, Provider shall:
 - a. Notify the subcontractor and the City within three days that Offeror has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien; and
 - b. Terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if within three days of receiving such notice, the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien. However, the Offeror shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during this three day period:
 - i. The subcontractor provides information which establishes that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien, and
 - ii. The Offeror will not employ the illegal aliens in the performance of any City contract.
5. Offeror shall comply with any reasonable request by the Department of Labor and Employment made in the course of an investigation that the Department is undertaking pursuant to the authority established in §8-17.5-102(5), C.R.S.
6. If Offeror violates this provision, the City may terminate the contract for a breach of contract. If the Agreement is terminated, the Offeror shall be liable for actual and consequential damages.

Initials for 3

4. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Other City activities/contracts may be in progress or start during the performance of this contract. The Offeror shall coordinate the work harmoniously with the other contractors or City personnel, if applicable.

Initials for 4

5. INTERNET USE

Should the Offeror require access to City Internet resources in the performance of this requirement, a "Contractor's Internet Use Agreement" form must be separately signed by each individual having access to the City Network. The completed Contractor's Internet Use Agreement will be maintained with this agreement. Inappropriate use of the City Network will be grounds for immediate termination of any awarded contract.

Initials for 5

6. LITIGATION

If awarded a contract, Offeror shall notify the City within five (5) calendar days after being served with a summons, complaint, or other pleading in any matter which has been filed in any federal or state court or administrative agency. The Offeror shall deliver copies of such document(s) to the City's Procurement Services Manager. The term "litigation" includes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, and filings of bankruptcy, reorganization and/or foreclosure.

Initials for 6

7. CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Offeror's firm verifies and states that they are (check all that apply):

- ☐ Large Business (i.e. do not qualify as a small business or non-profit)
- ☐ Nonprofit
- ☐ Small Business
- ☐ Minority Owned Business/Small Disadvantaged Business
- ☐ Woman Owned Business
- ☐ Veteran Owned Business
- ☐ Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business

_____ HUBZone Business

Note: The City accepts self-certification for these categories in accordance with Small Business Administration (SBA) standards. The SBA size standards are found on the SBA website <https://www.sba.gov/content/am-i-small-business-concern>.

Initials for 7

8. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

- a) The Offeror shall appoint one of its key personnel as the "Authorized Representative" who shall have the power and authority to interface with the City and represent the Offeror in all administrative matters concerning this proposal and any awarded contract, including without limitation such administrative matters as correction of problems modifications, and reduction of costs.
- b) The Authorized Representative shall be the person identified in the Offeror's proposal, unless the Offeror provides written notice to the City naming another person to serve as its Authorized Representative. Communications received by the City Contracts Specialist from the Authorized Representative shall be deemed to have been received from the Offeror.

The individual, _____ (Name)
with position, _____ (Title)
Can be reached at _____
Work telephone number: _____
Home telephone number: _____
Cellular telephone number: _____
E-mail address: _____

Initials for 8

9. OFFEROR'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby affirms that:

- a) He/She is a duly authorized agent of the Offeror;
- b) He/She has read and agrees to the City's standard terms and conditions attached.
- c) The offer is presented in full compliance with the collusive prohibitions of the City of Colorado Springs. The Offeror certifies that no employee of its firm has discussed, or compared the offer with any other offeror or City employee and has not colluded with any other offeror or City employee.
- d) The Offeror certifies that it has checked all of its figures, and understands that the City will not be responsible for any errors or omissions on the part of the Offeror in preparing its proposal.

e) By submitting an offer the Offeror certifies that it has complied and will comply with all requirements of local, state, and federal laws, and that no legal requirements have been or will be violated in making or accepting this solicitation.

I hereby certify that I am submitting the proposal based on my company's capabilities to provide quality products and/or services on time.

Initials for 9

**10.OFFEROR CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:**

1. The Offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that (i) the Offeror and/or any of its Principals
 - a. Are (), Are not () presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
 - b. Have (), Have not (), within a three year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relation to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
 - c. Are (), Are not () presently indicated for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in any paragraphs above.
2. The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the City Contracts Specialist if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reasons of changed circumstances.
3. The certification in paragraph 1. above, is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the City, the City Contracts Specialist may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default. Termination for default may result in additional charges being levied for the costs incurred by the City to initiate activities to replace the awarded Contractor.

Initials for 10

**11.ACCEPTANCE OF CITY CONTRACTS SPECIALIST'S SOLE AUTHORITY FOR
CHANGES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the Offeror hereby agrees that any changes to the scope of work, subsequent to the original contract signing, shall be generated in writing and an approval signature shall be obtained from the City Contracts Specialist prior to additional work performance.

Initials for 11

12. CITY CONTRACTOR SAFETY PROGRAM

The Offeror hereby agrees to adhere to a worker safety program for contractor employees on a City job site or location. By initialing below, the Offeror has reviewed the information and will abide by the City Policy which is available for review:

<https://coloradosprings.gov/finance/page/procurement-regulations-and-documents>

Initials for 12

13. ACCEPTANCE OF CITY ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERRED PURCHASING (EPP) POLICY

The City of Colorado Springs is committed to buying more environmentally preferable goods and services, as long as they meet performance needs, are available within a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost. The Offeror hereby acknowledges review of this policy by initialing below.

<https://coloradosprings.gov/finance/page/procurement-regulations-and-documents>

Initials for 13

14. FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

Everyone has a duty to report any suspected unlawful act impacting the City of Colorado Springs operations and its enterprises. Anyone who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, and abuse in City of Colorado Springs is encouraged to report such matters to the City Auditor's Office in writing or on the telephone hotline 385-2387 (ADTR). Written correspondence can be mailed to:

City Auditor
P.O. Box 2241
Colorado Springs CO 80901

Or via email FraudHotline@coloradosprings.gov. Any of these mechanisms allow for anonymous reporting. For more information, please go to the website <https://coloradosprings.gov/cityfraud>.

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Name of Company:

Federal Tax ID Number:

DUNS Number:

Principle Place of Business:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

EXHIBIT 2 SAMPLE CONTRACT

SAMPLE CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

Contract Number:		Project Name/Title	BENEFITS CONSULTING
Vendor/Contractor			
Contact Name:		Telephone:	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Federal Tax ID #		Please check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
City Contracting Specialist	Name & Phone#	City Dept Rep	Name & Phone# & Department Name
NOT TO EXCEED Contract Amount:		City Account #	Acct Code (5) Fund (3) Dept (4) Project (7)
Contract Type:		Period of Performance:	

1. INTRODUCTION

THIS TYPE CONTRACT ("Contract") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021 by and between the City of Colorado Springs, a Colorado municipal corporation and home rule city, in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, (the "City"), and _____ (the "Contractor").

THE CITY AND THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The City has heretofore prepared the necessary Contract Documents for the following Activity: XXXXXXXXX.

The Contractor did on the ____ day of _____, 2021 submit to the City the Contractor's written offer and proposal to do the work therein described under the terms and conditions therein set forth and furnish all materials, supplies, labor, services, transportation, tools, equipment, and parts for said work in strict conformity with the accompanying Contract Documents, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, including the following:

1. This Contract
2. Appendix A – Additional Terms and Conditions
3. Appendix B – Contractor's Proposal,
4. Appendix C – Statement of Work.
5. Appendix D – Project Schedule
6. Appendix E – Insurance Requirements

2. COMPENSATION/CONSIDERATION

If FFP:

THIS FIRM FIXED PRICE CONTRACT is established at firm fixed amount of \$xxxxxxx.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide all materials, supplies, labor, services, transportation, tools, equipment, and parts to perform _____ services for the City of Colorado Springs in a good and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the City for the total contract amount designated above and in the Notice of Award, to be paid by the City to the Contractor.

If T&M

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide all materials, supplies, labor, services, transportation, tools, equipment, and parts to perform _____ services for the City of Colorado Springs in a good and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the City for the estimated price of _____, not to exceed \$_____ (“Not to

Exceed estimate”). If the performance of this Contract involves the services of others or the furnishing of equipment, supplies, or materials, the Contractor agrees to pay for the same in full. At the time of payment by the City, the Contractor shall certify in writing that said payments have been so made.

This is a Time and Material (T&M) type contract. The Not to Exceed estimate is in accordance with the Contractor’s T&M proposal and rates, as included in the attached proposal, dated XXXXXX. All labor charges shall be in accordance with the T&M rates provided therein. Invoiced hours shall be subject to City review and approval before payable.

The parties estimate that performance of this Contract will not exceed the Not to Exceed estimate. The Contractor shall notify the City Contracts Specialist in writing whenever it has reason to believe that the costs the Contractor expects to incur under this Contract in the following 60 days, when added to all costs previously incurred, will exceed 75 percent of the estimated cost specified herein; or the total cost for the performance of this Contract will be either greater or substantially less than had been previously estimated. As part of the notification, the Contractor shall provide the Contracts Specialist a revised estimate of the total cost of performing this Contract.

The City is not liable for any costs above the Not to Exceed estimate, and the Contractor is not obligated to continue performance under this Contract (including actions under the Termination clause of this Contract) or otherwise incur costs in excess of the Not to Exceed estimate specified herein, until the City Contracts Specialist

(i) notifies the Contractor in writing that the estimated cost has been increased and

(ii) provides a revised estimated total not to exceed price of performing this Contract.

3. TERM OF CONTRACT

It is further agreed that the Contractor will start work promptly and continue to work diligently until completed. The Contract Period of Performance shall be as follows:

<u>Performance Period</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Price</u>
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Base Year:

Option Year One:

Option Year Two:

Option Year Three:

Option Year Four:

Option years may be exercised unilaterally by the City at the City's sole discretion. Pricing for option years shall be as indicated above. The City may elect not to exercise an option at any time before start of an option at no additional cost to the City. Further, the City shall have the unilateral option of extending services beyond the term of the Contract, including all options, for a period not to exceed a total of six (6) months if additional time is necessary to solicit and award a new Contract. Options to extend services shall be exercised upon written notification (mailed or otherwise furnished) to the Contractor at least fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of the Contract, or to extend Contract for up to four additional one year option periods at the City's sole discretion.

The total value of this Contract for all years shall not exceed \$XXXXXXX. The value and current funding is \$XXXXXXX for the base year.

OR

Contractor will start work promptly after the Notice to Proceed and continue to work diligently until completed. The Contractor shall complete all work on an as ordered basis throughout the Contract period which is _____ **Calendar Days** after the Notice-to-Proceed ("Period of Performance") as per the specifications and drawings. The Contractor shall provide a two-year guarantee on all work performed under this Contract after the job has been completed and accepted.

4. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall provide and maintain acceptable Insurance Policy(s) consistent with the Minimum Insurance Requirements attached as Appendix E, which includes Property, Liability and Professional Errors and Omissions coverage, and as otherwise listed in

Appendix E. The City of Colorado Springs shall be reflected as an additional insured on the Property and Liability policy(s).

Further, Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor shall have no right of coverage under any existing or future City comprehensive, self, or personal injury policies. Contractor shall provide insurance coverage for and on behalf of Contract that will sufficiently protect Contractor, or Contractor's agents, employees, servants or other personnel, in connection with the services which are to be provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract, including protection from claims for bodily injury, death, property damage, and lost income. Contractor shall provide worker's compensation insurance coverage for Contractor and all Contractor personnel. Contractor shall file applicable insurance certificates with the City and shall also provide additional insurance as indicated in this Contract. ***A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES LISTING THE CITY AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED.***

5. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all Scope of Work services furnished by the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in services provided under this Contract to the satisfaction of the City.
- B. The City's review, approval of, acceptance of, or payment for the services required under this Contract shall not be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Contract or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Contract, and the Contractor shall be and remain liable to the City for any and all damages to the City caused by the Contractor's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Contract.
- C. The rights and remedies of the City provided for under this Contract are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
- D. If the Contractor is comprised of more than one legal entity, each such entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.

6. WORK OVERSIGHT

- A. The extent and character of the work to be done by the Contractor shall be subject to the general approval of the City's delegated Project Manager.
- B. If any of the work or services being performed does not conform with Contract requirements, the City may require the Contractor to perform the work or services again in conformity with Contract requirements, at no increase in Contract amount. When defects in work or services cannot be corrected by re-performance, the City may (1) require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance

conforms to Contract requirements and (2) reduce the Contract price to reflect the reduced value of the work or services performed.

- C. If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the defective work or services again or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance is in conformity with Contract requirements, the City may (1) by Contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge to the Contractor any cost incurred by the City that is directly related to the performance of such work or service or (2) terminate the Contract for breach of contract.

7. SUBCONTRACTORS, ASSOCIATES, AND OTHER CONTRACTORS

- A. Any subcontractor, outside associates, or other contractors used by the Contractor in connection with Contractor's work under this Contract shall be limited to individuals or firms that are specifically identified by the Contractor in the Contractor's proposal and agreed to by the City. The Contractor shall obtain the City's Project Manager's written consent before making any substitution of these subcontractors, associates, or other contractors.
- B. The Contractor shall include a flow down clause in all of its subcontracts, agreements with outside associates, and agreements with other contractors. The flow down clause shall cause all of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including all of the applicable parts of the Contract Documents, to be incorporated into all subcontracts, agreements with outside associates, and agreements with other contractors. The flow down clause shall provide clearly that there is no privity of contract between the City and the Contractor's subcontractors, outside associates, and other contractors.

8. KEY PERSONNEL

The key personnel listed in the proposal and/or below will be the individuals used in the performance of the work. If any of the listed key personnel leave employment or are otherwise not utilized in the performance of the work, approval to substitute must be obtained by the Contractor from the City's Project Manager. Any substitute shall have the same or a higher standard of qualifications that the key personnel possessed at the time of Contract award.

9. START AND CONTINUANCE OF WORK

It is further agreed that the Contractor will start work promptly and continue to work diligently until this Contract is completed.

10. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

This Contract is expressly made subject to the limitations of the Colorado Constitution and Section 7-60 of the Charter of the City of Colorado Springs. Nothing herein shall constitute,

nor be deemed to constitute, the creation of a debt or multi-year fiscal obligation or an obligation of future appropriations by the City Council of Colorado Springs, contrary to Article X, § 20, Colo. Const., or any other constitutional, statutory, or charter debt limitation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, with respect to any financial obligation of the City which may arise under this Agreement in any fiscal year after the year of execution, in the event the budget or other means of appropriation for any such year fails to provide funds in sufficient amounts to discharge such obligation, such failure (i) shall act to terminate this Contract at such time as the then-existing and available appropriations are depleted, and (ii) neither such failure nor termination shall constitute a default or breach of this Contract, including any sub-agreement, attachment, schedule, or exhibit thereto, by the City. As used herein, the term "appropriation" shall mean and include the due adoption of an appropriation ordinance and budget and the approval of a Budget Detail Report (Resource Allocations) which contains an allocation of sufficient funds for the performance of fiscal obligations arising under this Contract.

11. CHANGES

The Contractor and the City agree and acknowledge as a part of this Contract that no change order or other form or order or directive may be issued by the City which requires additional compensable work to be performed, which work causes the aggregate amount payable under the Contract to exceed the amount appropriated for this Contract as listed above, unless the Contractor has been given a written assurance by the City that lawful appropriations to cover the costs of the additional work have been made or unless such work is covered under a remedy-granting provision of this Contract. The Contractor and the City further agree and acknowledge as a part of this Contract that no change order or other form or order or directive which requires additional compensable work to be performed under this Contract shall be issued by the City unless funds are available to pay such additional costs, and, regardless of any remedy-granting provision included within this Contract, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for any change which increases or decreases the Contract completion date, or for any additional compensable work performed under this Contract, and expressly waives any rights to additional compensation, whether by law or equity, unless, prior to commencing the additional work, the Contractor is given a written change order describing the change in Contract completion date or the additional compensable work to be performed, and setting forth the amount of compensation to be paid, and such change order is signed by the authorized City representative, as defined below. The amount of compensation to be paid, if any, shall be deemed to cover any and all additional, direct, indirect or other cost or expense or profit of the Contractor whatsoever. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to know, determine, and ascertain the authority of the City representative signing any change order under this Contract.

No change, amendment, or modification to this Contract shall be valid unless duly approved and issued in writing by the City of Colorado Springs Procurement Services Division. The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor resulting from work performed for changes not issued in writing by the City of Colorado Springs Procurement Services Division.

The following personnel are authorized to sign changes, amendments, or modifications to this Contract.

The Project Manager: Changes up to \$14,999.99

The City of Colorado Springs Chief of Staff: Changes up to \$499,999.99

The Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs: Unlimited

12. ASSIGNMENT

No assignment or transfer by the Contractor of this Contract or any part thereof or of the funds to be received thereunder by the Contractor will be recognized unless such assignment has had the prior written approval of the City and the surety has been given due notice of such assignment. Such written approval by the City shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligations under the terms of this Contract. In addition to the usual recitals in assignment contracts, the following language must be included in the assignment:

It is agreed that the funds to be paid to the assignee under this assignment are subject to a prior lien for services rendered or materials supplied for the performance of the work called for in said contract in favor of all persons, firms, or corporations rendering such services or supplying such materials.

13. CHOICE OF LAW

This Contract is subject to and shall be interpreted under the law of the State of Colorado, and the Charter, City Code, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a Colorado home rule city. Court venue and jurisdiction shall be exclusively in the Colorado District Court for El Paso County, Colorado. The Parties agree that the place of performance for this Contract is deemed to be in the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, State of Colorado. The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor and the Contractor's employees, agents, officers and subcontractors are familiar with, and comply with, applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations as now written or hereafter amended.

14. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the Period of Performance, Colorado Worker's Compensation Insurance for the Contractor and all employees of the Contractor. If any service is sublet by the Contractor, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for the subcontractor and subcontractor's employees. Workers' Compensation Insurance shall include occupational disease provisions covering any obligations of the Contractor in accord with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of Colorado.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, injuries, claims, cause or causes of action, or any liability whatsoever resulting from, or arising out of, or in connection with the Contractor's obligations or actions under this Contract caused by any willful or negligent error, omission or act or a failure to observe any applicable standard of care by the Contractor or any person employed by it or anyone for whose acts the Contractor is legally liable. In consideration of the award of this Contract, to the extent damages are covered by insurance, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its subsidiary, parent, associated and/or affiliated entities, successors, or assigns, its elected officials, trustees, employees, agents, and volunteers for losses arising from the work performed by the Contractor for the City. The indemnification obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract

16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, it is understood, acknowledged and agreed between the parties that the Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor, and the City shall neither have nor exercise any control or direction over the manner and means by which the Contractor performs the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, except as otherwise stated within the Contract terms. The City shall not provide any direction to the Contractor on the work necessary to complete the project. Contractor understands that it is an independent contractor responsible for knowing how to perform all work or tasks necessary to complete project. The Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor and the Contractor's employees, agents, servants, or other personnel are not City employees. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of salaries, wages, payroll taxes, unemployment benefits or any other form of compensation or benefit to the Contractor or any of the Contractor's employees, agents, servants or other personnel performing services or work under this Contract, whether it is of a direct or indirect nature. Further in that regard, it is expressly understood and agreed that for such purposes neither the Contractor nor the Contractor's employees, agents, servants or other personnel shall be entitled to any City payroll, insurance, unemployment, worker's compensation, retirement or any other benefits whatsoever.

17. APPLICABLE LAW AND LICENSES

In the conduct of the services or work contemplated in this Contract, the Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor and all subcontractors comply with all applicable state, federal and City and local law, rules and regulations, technical standards or specifications. The Contractor shall qualify for and obtain any required licenses prior to commencement of work.

18. PRIOR AGREEMENTS

This is a completely integrated Contract and contains the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior written or oral agreements or representations regarding this Contract

shall be of no effect and shall not be binding on the City. This Contract may only be amended in writing, and executed by duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

19. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Parties hereby agree, and acknowledge, that all products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product of the Contractor produced pursuant to this Contract are works made for hire, and that the City owns, has, and possesses any and all ownership rights and interests to any work products of the Contractor made under this Contract, including any and all copyright, trademark, or patent rights, and that compensation to the Contractor for Agreement and acknowledgment of this intellectual property right section of this Contract is included in any compensation or price whatsoever paid to the Contractor under this Contract. It is the intent of the parties that the City shall have full ownership and control of the Contractor's work products produced pursuant to this Contract, and the Contractor specifically waives and assigns to the City all rights which Contractor may have under the 1990 Visual Artists Rights Act, federal, and state law, as now written or later amended or provided. In the event any products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract is deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction not to be a work for hire under federal copyright laws, this intellectual property rights provision shall act as an irrevocable assignment to the City by the Contractor of any and all copyrights, trademark rights, or patent rights in the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract, including all rights in perpetuity. Under this irrevocable assignment, the Contractor hereby assigns to the City the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract, without further consideration, and agrees to assist the City in registering and from time to time enforcing all copyrights and other rights and protections relating to the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product in any and all countries. It is the Contractor's specific intent to assign all right, title, and interest whatsoever in any and all copyright rights in the Contractor's products, items writings, designs, models, examples, or other work product produced pursuant to this Contract, in any media and for any purpose, including all rights of renewal and extension, to the City. To that end, the Contractor agrees to execute and deliver all necessary documents requested by the City in connection therewith and appoints the City as Contractor's agent and attorney-in-fact to act for and in Contractor's behalf and stead to execute, register, and file any such applications, and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the registration, prosecution, issuance, renewals, and extensions of copyrights or other protections with the same legal force and effect as if executed by the Contractor; further, the parties expressly agree that the provisions of this intellectual property rights section shall be binding upon the parties and their heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

20. WAIVERS

No waiver of default by the City of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions hereof to be performed, kept, and observed by the Contractor shall be construed, or shall operate, as a waiver of any subsequent default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions herein contained to be performed, kept, and observed by the Contractor.

21. THIRD PARTIES

It is expressly understood and agreed that enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the Parties hereto, and nothing contained in this Contract shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other or third person or entity on such Contract. It is the express intention of the Parties hereto that any person or entity, other than the Parties to this Contract, receiving services or benefits under this Contract shall be deemed to be incidental beneficiaries only.

22. TERMINATION

A. Termination for Convenience.

By signing this Contract, Contractor represents that it is a sophisticated business and enters into the Contract voluntarily, has calculated all business risks associated with this Contract, and understands and assumes all risks of being terminated for convenience, whether such risks are known or not known. Contractor agrees that the City may terminate this Contract at any time for convenience of the City, upon written notice to the Contractor. Contractor expressly agrees to and assumes the risk that the City shall not be liable for any costs or fees of whatsoever kind and nature if termination for convenience occurs before Contractor begins any work or portion of the work. Contractor further expressly agrees and assumes the risks that the City shall not be liable for any unperformed work, anticipated profits, overhead, mobilizations costs, set-up, demobilization costs, relocation costs of employees, layoffs or severance costs, administrative costs, productivity costs, losses on disposal of equipment or materials, cost associated with the termination of subcontractors, costs associated with purchase orders or purchases, or any other costs or fees of any kind and nature, if Contractor has started or performed portions of the Contract prior to receiving notice from the City. The City shall be liable only for the portions of work Contractor actually satisfactorily completed up to the point of the issuance of the Notice of Termination for convenience. Upon receipt of this notice the Contractor shall immediately: discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and deliver to the City all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this Contract, whether completed or in process.

B. Termination for Cause: The occurrence of any one or more of the following events ("Event of Default") will justify termination for cause:

- i. Contractor's failure to perform the work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment or failure to adhere to the progress schedule as adjusted from time to time.

- ii. Contractor's disregard of the laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction.
- iii. Contractor's disregard of the authority of Project Manager.
- iv. Contractor's violation in any material provision of the Contract Documents.
- v. Contractor's failure to make prompt payments to its subcontractors, and suppliers of any tier, or laborers or any person working on the work by, through, or under the Contractor or any of them, any all of their employees, officers, servants, members, and agents.
- vi. Contractor files a petition commencing a voluntary case under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or for liquidation, reorganization, or an arrangement pursuant to any other U.S. or state bankruptcy Laws, or shall be adjudicated a debtor or be declared bankrupt or insolvent under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any other federal or state laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, winding-up, or adjustment of debts, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or if a petition commencing an involuntary case under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or an answer proposing the adjudication of Contractor as a debtor or bankrupt or proposing its liquidation or reorganization pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or any other U.S. federal or state bankruptcy laws is filed in any court and Contractor consents to or acquiesces in the filing of that pleading or the petition or answer is not discharged or denied within sixty (60) Calendar Days after it is filed.
- vii. A custodian, receiver, trustee or liquidator of Contractor, all or substantially all of the assets or business of Contractor, or of Contractor's interest in the Work or the Contract, is appointed in any proceeding brought against Contractor and not discharged within sixty (60) Calendar Days after that appointment, or if Contractor shall consent to or acquiesces in that appointment.
- viii. Contractor fails to commence correction of defective work or fails to correct defective work within a reasonable period of time after written notice.

If one or more of the events identified in Paragraphs i-viii above occur, City may give Contractor written notice of the event and direct the event be cured. Any such Notice to Cure will provide Contractor a minimum of ten (10) calendar days to prepare and submit to the Project Manager a plan to correct the Event of Default. If such plan to correct the Event of Default is not submitted to the Project Manager within ten (10) days after the date of the written notice or such plan is unacceptable to the City, the City may, give Contractor (and the Surety, if any) written notice that Contractor's services are being terminated for cause. Upon delivery of the termination notice, City may terminate the services of Contractor in whole or in part, exclude Contractor from the site, and take possession of the work and of all Contractor's tools, appliances, equipment, and machinery at the project site, and use the same to the full extent they could be used by Contractor (without liability to Contractor for

trespass or conversion), incorporate in the work all materials and equipment stored at the site or for which City has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and finish the work as City may deem expedient. In such case, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until Certificate of Completion of the work. In the event City terminates this Contract for Cause and the cost of completing the work exceeds the unpaid balance of the Contract price, Contractor shall pay City for any costs of completion which exceed the Contract price when combined with all amounts previously paid to Contractor. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph City shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the work performed. Should the cost of such completion, including all proper charges, be less than the original Contract price, the amount so saved shall accrue to the City. Neither the City nor any officer, agent or employee of the City shall be in any way liable or accountable to the Contractor or the Surety for the method by which the completion of the said work, or any portion thereof, may be accomplished or for the price paid.

Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by City, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of City against Contractor or Surety then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by City will not release Contractor from liability.

C. Termination Notice. Upon receipt of a termination notice, whether for convenience or cause, the Contractor shall immediately: discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and deliver to the City all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this Contract, whether completed or in process.

D. Removal of Equipment. Except as provided above, in the case of termination of this Contract before completion from any cause whatever, the Contractor, if notified to do so by the City, shall promptly remove any part or all of Contractor's equipment and supplies from the property of the City, failing which the City shall have the right to remove such equipment and supplies at the expense of the Contractor.

23. BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND AUDITING

The Contractor shall make available to the City if requested, true and complete records, which support billing statements, reports, performance indices, and all other related documentation. The City's authorized representatives shall have access during reasonable hours to all records, which are deemed appropriate to auditing billing statements, reports, performance indices, and all other related documentation. The Contractor agrees that it will keep and preserve for at least seven years all documents related to the Contract which are routinely prepared, collected or compiled by the Contractor during the performance of this Contract.

The City's Auditor and the Auditor's authorized representatives shall have the right at any time to audit all of the related documentation. The Contractor shall make all documentation

available for examination at the Auditor's request at either the Auditor's or Contractor's offices, and without expense to the City.

24. ILLEGAL ALIENS

Illegal Aliens - Public Contracts for Services - Compliance with Title 8, Article 17.5, Colorado Revised Statutes: The Contractor acknowledges, understands, agrees, and certifies that: In the performance of any work or the provision of any services by the Contractor under this Contract, the Contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Contract; or enter into a contract with any subcontractor that fails to certify to the Contractor that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Contract or under the subcontract to this Contract. The Contractor certifies in accord with Section 8-17.5-102(1) C.R.S. that, on the date the Contractor signs this Contract, the Contractor does not knowingly employ or Contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under this Contract and that the Contractor shall participate in the e-verify program or Colorado Department of Labor and Employment program in order to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment or to perform work under this Contract. The Contractor is expressly prohibited from using the e-verify program or Colorado Department of Labor and Employment program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Contract and any services under this Contract are being performed. If the Contractor obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this Contract for services knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, the Contractor shall notify the subcontractor and the City within three days that the Contractor has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien, and terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if within three days of receiving the notice the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien; except that the Contractor shall not terminate the Contract with the subcontractor if during the three days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien. The Contractor shall comply with any request by the City, federal government, or the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment made in the course of an investigation. If the Contractor violates or fails to comply with any provision of C.R.S. 8-17.5-101 et seq, the City may terminate this Contract for breach of contract. If this Contract is so terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for any actual and consequential damages to the City.

25. COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986

Contractor certifies that Contractor has complied with the United States Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. All persons employed by Contractor for performance of this Contract have completed and signed Form I-9 verifying their identities and authorization for employment.

26. LABOR

The Contractor shall employ only competent and skilled workmen and foremen in the conduct of work on this Contract. The Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good

order among Contractor's employees. The Project Manager shall have the authority to order the removal from the work of any person, including Contractor's or any subcontractor's employees, who refuses or neglects to observe any of the provisions of these Plans or Specifications, or who is incompetent, abusive, threatening, or disorderly in conduct and any such person shall not again be employed on the Project.

In no event shall the City be responsible for overtime pay.

27. GRATUITIES

- A. This Contract may be terminated if the Mayor, the Mayor's designee, and/or the Procurement Services Manager determine, in their sole discretion, that the Contractor or any officer, employee, agent, or other representative whatsoever, of the Contractor offered or gave a gift or hospitality to a City officer, employee, agent or Contractor for the purpose of influencing any decision to grant a City contract or to obtain favorable treatment under any City contract.
- B. The terms "hospitality" and "gift" include, but are not limited to, any payment, subscription, advance, forbearance, acceptance, rendering or deposit of money, services, or anything of value given or offered, including but not limited to food, lodging, transportation, recreation or entertainment, token or award.
- C. Contract termination under this provision shall constitute a breach of contract by the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for all costs of reletting the contract or completion of the project. Further, if the Contractor is terminated under this provision, or violates this provision but is not terminated, the Contractor shall be subject to debarment under the City's Procurement Regulations. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

28. NON-DISCRIMINATION

- A. In accord with section 24-34-402, C.R.S., the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry. But, with regard to a disability, it is not a discriminatory or an unfair employment practice for an employer to take into consideration disability if there is no reasonable accommodation that the employer can make with regard to the disability, the disability actually disqualifies the person from the job, and the disability has a significant impact on the job. The Contractor will take affirmative steps to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their disability, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training; including apprenticeship.

- B. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- C. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to disability, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry.
- D. Contractor will cooperate with the City in using Contractor's best efforts to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are afforded the maximum opportunity to compete for subcontracts or work under this Contract.

29. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this Contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- A. This Contract document with its terms and conditions
- B. The Statement of Work
- C. Other Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, or Schedules

30. HEADINGS

The section headings contained in this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

31. DISPUTES

- A. All administrative and contractual disputes arising from or related to this Contract shall be addressed in the following manner:
 - i. If either Party disputes or disagrees with a Contract term or the other Party's interpretation of a Contract term or has any other administrative or contractual dispute not addressed in the Unanticipated Circumstances provisions, such Party shall promptly give the other Party written notice of said dispute.
 - ii. The Parties shall hold a meeting as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days from the initial written notice of the dispute, attended by persons with decision-making authority regarding the dispute, to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; provided, however, that no such meeting shall be deemed to vitiate or reduce the obligations and liabilities of the Parties or be deemed a waiver by a Party of any remedies to which such Party would otherwise be entitled unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing.
 - iii. If, within thirty (30) calendar days after such meeting, the Parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to non-binding mediation and to bear equally the costs of the mediation.

- iv. The Parties will jointly appoint a mutually acceptable mediator. If they fail to do so within twenty (20) calendar days from the conclusion of the negotiation period, they shall each select a mediator. The two mediators will then appoint a third mediator who shall conduct mediation for the Parties as the sole mediator.
- v. The Parties agree to participate in good faith in the mediation and negotiations for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. The substantive and procedural law of the State of Colorado shall apply to the proceedings. If the Parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through mediation, then the Parties shall be free to pursue any other remedy afforded by the laws of the State of Colorado.
- vi. Until final resolution of any dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall diligently proceed with the performance of this Contract as directed by the City. For purposes of this Contract, termination for convenience shall not be deemed a dispute. The City of Colorado Springs and the Contractor agree to notify each other in a timely manner of any claim, dispute, or cause of action arising from or related to this Contract, and to negotiate in good faith to resolve any such claim, dispute, or cause of action. To the extent that such negotiations fail, the City of Colorado Springs and the Contractor agree that any lawsuit or cause of action that arises from or is related to this Contract shall be filed with and litigated only by the Colorado District Court for El Paso County, CO.

32. DELIVERY

The City may cancel this Contract or any portion thereof if delivery is not made when and as specified, time being of the essence in this Contract. Contractor shall pay the City for any loss or damage sustained by the City because of failure to perform in accordance with this Contract.

33. PAYMENTS

All invoices shall be sent to the Project Manager identified in this Contract.

The City will pay the Contractor, upon submission of proper invoices, the prices stipulated in the Contract for services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this Contract within 30 days (Net 30). The City will not pay late fees or interest. Any discount payment terms offered on the invoice may be taken by the City.

Each invoice must contain at least the following information:

Contract number, issued purchase order number, invoice number, invoice date, timeframe covered by invoice, type and amount of labor and materials used for that time period, dollar amount in unit price, extended price, and total value of invoice.

IF T&M

The City will make payments for services on a monthly basis for services performed during the previous month in accordance with this Contract. All labor Invoices shall include labor

categories, rates, hours worked, and total amounts per category. All labor categories and rates charged must be included in this Contract. No other categories or rates will be allowed or payable. All labor invoices are subject to City approval.

Materials will be payable on a reimbursable basis with no additional profit, fee, overhead, handling, or General and Administrative (G&A) costs. All costs for materials shall be approved by the City Contracts Specialist before the costs are incurred and payable.

The City will pay the Contractor, upon submission of proper invoices, the prices stipulated in the Contract for services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this Contract within 30 days (Net 30). The City will not pay late fees or interest. Any discount payment terms offered on the invoice may be taken by the City.

34. INSPECTION OF SERVICES

The Contractor is responsible for performing or having performed all inspections and tests necessary to substantiate that the services furnished under this Contract conform to Contract requirements, including any applicable technical requirements for specified manufacturers' parts. This clause takes precedence over any City inspection and testing required in the Contract's specifications, except for specialized inspections or tests specified to be performed solely by the City.

- A. Definition of "services", as used in this clause, includes services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.
- B. The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the City covering the services under this Contract. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the City during Contract performance and for as long afterwards as the Contract requires.
- C. The City has the right to inspect and test all services called for by the Contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the Contract. The City will perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.
- D. If the City performs inspections or test on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, at no increase in Contract price, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

35. SECURITY

The City maintains security requirements regarding access to City buildings and other City workplaces and worksites on City property. All Contractor personnel accessing City buildings, workplaces, or worksites, may be required to produce a valid, Government issued picture identification. Contractor personnel lacking such identification may not be

allowed access to such sites. No costs incurred by the Contractor due to City security requirements shall be allowable or payable under this Contract.

36. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

In as much as the Contract concerns a needed or required service, the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Contract relating to the time of performance and completion of work are of the essence of this Contract. The Contractor shall begin work on the day specified and shall prosecute the work diligently so as to assure completion of the work within the number of calendar days or date specified, or the date to which the time for completion may have been extended.

37. EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR

The Contractor shall comply with, and defend and hold the City harmless from any violation of all laws and lawful rules and regulations, both of the State of Colorado and of the United States, relating to Workmen's Compensation, unemployment compensation, Social Security, payment for overtime, and all other expenses and conditions of employment under this Contract.

38. SALES TAX

The Contractor must have a tax-exemption certificate from the Colorado Department of Revenue for this project. The certificate does not apply to City of Colorado Springs Sales and Use Tax which shall be applicable. The tax exempt project number and the exemption certificate only applies to County, PPRTA (Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority), and State taxes when purchasing construction and building materials **to be incorporated into this project.**

Furthermore, the exemption **does not** include or apply to the purchase or rental of equipment, supplies or materials that **do not become a part of the completed project or structure.** Such purchases and rentals are subject to full applicable taxation.

All contracts with subcontractors must include the City of Colorado Springs Sales and Use Tax on the work covered by the Contract, and other taxes as applicable.

Note: For all equipment, materials and supplies incorporated into the work purchased from vendors or suppliers not licensed to collect City Sales Tax (i.e. out of state suppliers, etc.), City Use Tax is due and payable to the City. The Contractor shall execute and deliver, and shall cause the Contractor's subcontractors to execute and deliver to the City Sales Tax Office, ST 16 forms listing all said equipment, materials and supplies and the corresponding use tax due, along with payment for said taxes. Any outstanding taxes due may be withheld from the final payment due the Contractor and may result in suspension of Contractor from bidding on City projects.

Forms and instructions can be downloaded at <https://coloradosprings.gov/sales-tax/page/construction-contractors>. Questions can be directed to the City Sales Tax Division at (719) 385-5903 or Construction_SalesTax@coloradosprings.gov.

Our Registration Numbers are as follows:
City of Colorado Springs
Federal I.D.: 84-6000573
Federal Excise: A-138557
State Sales Tax: 98-03479

The Contractor's payment or exemption of State of Colorado, El Paso County and City Sales and Use Taxes shall be as specified herein.

39. SEVERABILITY

If any terms, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall be held unconstitutional, illegal, or void, such finding shall not affect any other terms, conditions, or provisions of this Contract.

40. LIABILITY OF CITY EMPLOYEES

All authorized representatives of the City are acting solely as agents and representatives of the City when carrying out and exercising the power or authority granted to them under the Contract. There shall not be any liability on them either personally or as employees of the City.

41. USE OF CITY NAME OR LOGO

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, the Contractor shall not refer to this Contract or the City of Colorado Springs in any advertising or promotions in such a manner as to state or imply that the product or service provided is endorsed or preferred by the City of Colorado Springs, its employees, or its Departments, or is considered by these entities to be superior to other products or services. Any use of the name or logo of the City of Colorado Springs in advertising or promotions must be approved in writing by the City of Colorado Springs Contracts Specialist assigned to the Contract prior to such use.

42. TRAVEL

If travel expenses are included as a line item in this Contract, all travel expenses incurred and billable by the Contractor are subject to City approval. Air travel shall be limited to the round trip "economy coach" fare. Travel from the Colorado Springs Airport is encouraged. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the Contractor should take advantage of lower airfares by purchasing tickets more than 14 days in advance of travel. In-state travel by air must be more economical than travel by private vehicle. Use of a private vehicle may be reimbursed per mile at the current rate published by the IRS annually. Short-term parking, long-term parking or cab fare associated with airport departure and arrival may be allowable expenses. Valet parking will not be allowed unless it is the least expensive or only option. Car rental rates may be reimbursed for car rentals

no greater than the intermediate or standard classification. The City will not reimburse any other travel methods or expenses. The City will pay for lodging, meals, and miscellaneous expenses on a per diem basis only, in accordance with the current per diem rates published by the IRS annually. The City will not pay for Contractor expenses exceeding the per diem rates. Receipts for all reimbursable expenses must be provided with the Contractor's invoice.

43. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

This Agreement and all other documents contemplated hereunder may be executed using electronic signatures with delivery via facsimile transmission, by scanning and transmission of electronic files in Portable Document Format (PDF) or other readily available file format, or by copy transmitted via email, or by other electronic means and in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be (i) an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement, (ii) a valid and binding agreement and fully admissible under state and federal rules of evidence and (iii) enforceable in accordance with its terms.

44. APPENDICES

The following Appendices are made a part of this Agreement:

1. Appendix A – Additional Terms and Conditions
2. Appendix B – Contractor's Proposal,
3. Appendix C – Statement of Work.
4. Appendix D – Project Schedule
5. Appendix E – Insurance Requirements

CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE

The Contractor certifies in accord with Section 8-17.5-102(1) C.R.S. that, on the date the Contractor signs this Contract, the Contractor does not knowingly employ or Contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under this Contract and that the Contractor shall participate in the e-verify program or Colorado Department of Labor and Employment program in order to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment or to perform work under this Contract. The Contractor is expressly prohibited from using the e-verify program or Colorado Department of Labor and Employment program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Contract and any services under this Contract are being performed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused these presents to be executed on the day and the year first above written.

This Contract is executed in one (1) original copy.

**THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS,
COLORADO:**

SECOND PARTY:

SAMPLE CONTRACT ONLY

Corporate Name

DO NOT SIGN

Signature

Date

Title

EXHIBIT 3 EXCEPTIONS

Print the words "no exceptions"(here)_____ if there are no exceptions taken to any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of these proposal documents or contract.

If there are exceptions taken to any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of the proposal document or contract, they must be clearly stated on a separate sheet of paper attached to this sheet and returned with your proposal.

Note: All potential Offerors are hereby advised that exceptions taken may be considered during the evaluation phase which may affect the final scoring of proposals. Offerors stipulating that the City must use their contract or agreement may be determined non-responsive and their Proposal determined unacceptable.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____
(City, State and Zip Code)

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

Return this form with your Proposal.

EXHIBIT 4 MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following listed minimum insurance requirements shall be carried by all contractors and consultants unless otherwise specified in the City's solicitation package, Special Provisions or Standard Specifications.

1. X Commercial General Liability for limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence. Coverage shall include blanket contractual, broad form property damage, products and completed operations.
2. X Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability as required by statute. Employers Liability coverage is to be carried for a minimum limit of \$100,000.
3. X Automobile Liability covering any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos) with a minimum of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit.
4. Excess Liability for limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence.
5. Builders Risk or Installation Floater Insurance: Contractor shall purchase and maintain property insurance written on a builder's risk "all-risk" or equivalent policy form in the amount of the initial Contract Sum, plus value of subsequent Contract Modifications and cost of materials supplied or installed by others, comprising total value for the entire Project at the site on a replacement cost basis without optional deductibles. Such property insurance shall be maintained, unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents or otherwise agreed in writing by all persons and entities who are beneficiaries of such insurance, until final payment has been made or until no person or entity other than the Owner has an insurable interest in the property.
6. x Professional Liability Insurance covering any damages caused by an error, omission or any negligent Acts with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. The coverage shall have an extended reporting period of 2 years following the date of substantial completion of the project for reporting of claims.
7. Pollution Legal Liability Insurance shall apply to sudden and gradual pollution conditions resulting from the escape or release of smoke, vapors, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids, or gases, natural gas, waste materials, or other irritants, contaminants, or pollutants (including asbestos). If the coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of this Contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of three (3) years beginning from the time that work under this contract is completed. Policy limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per loss with \$2,000,000 aggregate coverage.
8. Technology Errors and Omissions Liability including Network Security and Privacy Liability not less than \$3,000,000 per loss with a \$3,000,000 aggregate.
 - a. The policy shall provide a waiver of subrogation.
 - b. The insurance shall provide coverage for liability arising from theft, dissemination and/or use of confidential information stored or transmitted in electronic form.
 - c. Network Security Liability arising from the unauthorized access to, use of or tampering to gain access to your services including denial of service, unless caused by a mechanical or electrical failure

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- d. Liability arising from the introduction of a computer virus into, or otherwise causing damage to, a customer's or third person's computer, computer system, network or similar computer related property and the data, software, and programs thereon.
9. _____ Employee Crime Coverage shall include employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration and computer fraud. If Contractor is physically located on CITY premises, third party fidelity coverage extension shall apply. The policy shall include coverage for all directors, officers, agents and employees of the Contractor. Coverage limit will be not less than \$1,000,000 per loss.
- a. The bond or policy shall include coverage for extended theft and mysterious disappearance.
- b. The bond or policy shall not contain a condition requiring an arrest and conviction.
10. _____ Liquor Legal Liability Insurance: If the event producer is a business that manufactures, distributes, sells, or serves alcoholic beverages, and intends to serve or sell alcoholic beverages at an event, they must also submit a Certificate of Insurance providing proof of a liquor legal liability insurance policy or properly endorsed general liability policy.
- a. If this event producer hires a vendor to serve or sell alcoholic beverages, rather than providing the alcohol themselves, they must submit a Certificate of Insurance from the vendor providing proof of a liquor legal liability insurance policy or properly endorsed general liability policy.
- b. In either case, the minimum acceptable limit of liability per claim and aggregate is \$1,000,000. This requirement applies to the business or group which serves or sells the alcohol.

Except for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance, the **City of Colorado Springs must be named as an additional insured**. Certificates of Insurance must be submitted before commencing the work and provide 30 days' notice prior to any cancellation, non-renewal, or material changes to policies required under the contract.

All coverage furnished by contractor is primary, and any insurance held by the City of Colorado Springs is excess and non-contributory.

The undersigned certifies and agrees to carry and maintain the insurance requirements indicated above throughout the contract Period of Performance.

(Name of Company)

(Signature)

(Date)

EXHIBIT 5 STATEMENT OF WORK FOR BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES

5.1 OVERVIEW

Through this Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Benefits & Wellness Section of Human Resources for the City of Colorado Springs (hereinafter referred to as “City”), is seeking proposals from responsible and qualified firms to provide Employee Benefit Plan Consulting Services for the City’s employee benefit plans.

5.2 BACKGROUND

The City of Colorado Springs is a public entity servicing the needs of the citizens of the Colorado Springs and desires to provide a variety of high quality yet affordable benefit programs for employees, dependents and retirees.

Citizens elected to change the form of City government in November 2010. In the new municipal structure the Mayor is the city government's chief executive and the City Council is its legislative branch. The Mayor is not a member of the City Council, but may participate in City Council meetings. The Mayor proposes a City Budget and the Council approves or changes it. The City Council is Colorado Springs' legislative body. It sets policies, approves budgets, establishes tax rates and passes ordinances and resolutions to govern the city.

The City contracts with the various benefit vendors for the self-insured medical/Rx and dental programs as well as, vision and other insured programs.

Financial reporting on the self-insured plans requires reporting data for both medical/Rx and dental as well as consolidated reporting. The current eligibility management, operations and administration are handled by the City for their employees and eligible members. The City uses PeopleSoft for payroll and Employee Self-Service for employee access and open enrollment activities.

The City has over 2,450 active benefit-eligible employees. The City has approximately 80 retirees eligible for medical/Rx and an additional 480 retirees eligible for dental and vision coverage.

Average age of the City’s population is 44 years and the 2020 turnover rate was 10%.

Portions of the City’s self-insured plans are unbundled as explained later in this document.

There are different vendors providing specified products and services as follows (subject to change):

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PLAN	SERVICE / PRODUCT	CARRIER OR VENDOR
Medical	Network	Anthem BCBS
Medical Claims	Third-Party Administrator, Utilization Review and COBRA Administration Telemedicine Transparency Tool	Ameriben TelaDoc Castlight
Disease Management	Disease Management	Ameriben/ various
Near-Site Medical Clinic	Primary and Acute Care Services	University Colorado – Colorado Springs
Stop-Loss	Stop-Loss	TMSRe
On-Site Pharmacy	PBM	City Employee Pharmacy through MaxorPlus
Wellness Program	Wellness & Preventative Services	HealthYou/UCCS
Employee Assistance Programs	EAP	Profile EAP
Medicare-eligible retiree medical/Rx	Medicare Supplemental and Part D plans	ViaBenefits
Medicare-eligible retiree HRA	Retiree Health Reimbursement Account	ViaBenefits
Dental	Network / Third Party Administrator	Delta Dental
Vision	Network / Third Party Administrator	Vision Service Plan (VSP)
FSA / HRA	HCSA & DCSA / Health Reimbursement Account	ASIFlex
STD / LTD	Short and Long-Term Disability	Cigna Life & Disability/New York Life Group Benefit Solutions
Basic & Voluntary Life	Group Life Insurance	The Hartford
Long-Term Care	Long-Term Care	Unum

5.3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The following information provides your company with the general overview of the services that the City requires from a benefits consultant. The City reserves the right to expand the basic scope of services as needed (example: new federal or state law requirements, etc.) or narrow the basic scope of services should it determine that its interest might be best served by incorporating some of these services internally.

Proposers should state how they will meet or exceed the provision of the services stated below:

5.3.1 Benefits Consulting

Provide counsel, advice and recommendations about benefit design, plan provisions, offerings, and programs provided to employees, retirees, and eligible dependents, including both self-insured and fully-insured products and services on an on-going basis.

Provide the City with general guidance, information and advice on new developments, emerging trends, innovations and/or legislative changes affecting the delivery of employee benefits, including changes in the local and national marketplace, new methods for improving cost containment in existing plans, etc. Consultant is expected to display innovative and creative thinking, to actively and aggressively seek opportunities, and to share those ideas with the City as appropriate in relation to the entity's goals and objectives.

Meet with City on a schedule to be determined by each, typically monthly. Arrange and/or attend vendor management meetings at regular intervals, as necessary, to monitor operations, issues, and to advise both entities on operational concerns and to assist staff in problem-solving and coming up with viable resolutions.

Establish an annual service plan including resource allocation and projected hours. Provide regular updates regarding ongoing consultant activities and progress on the annual service plan. Prepare and present an update on progress of assignments as outlined in the annual service plan.

Establish and maintain strong relationships with City staff and foster partnerships and synergies between the respective contracted service providers and vendors.

Selection of and Contracting with Benefits Providers

Assist the City in the preparation of Request for Proposals (RFP) documents for benefit products and services. Identify and provide preliminary listings of best-in-class vendors in specific product and service areas being marketed and/or those vendors best suited to fulfill the direction and vision of the respective benefit plans. The consultant will have knowledge and experience of the carriers and/vendors providing the required services.

Provide appropriate assistance or input to RFP development in accordance with the City's procurement policies. Receive and evaluate respondent proposals for best accuracy, completeness, terms, financial implications, and competitiveness. Prepare written analysis of proposals for use by the City. If necessary, prepare formal presentation regarding the pros and cons of the respondents.

Initiate the annual contract renewal process in a timely manner and present annual renewal recommendations in timeframe that meets each entity's respective deadlines.

Analyze and negotiate contract rates, features, and renewal terms in coordination and collaboration with the City benefits staff. Based upon consultant input and recommendations, the benefits staff will evaluate program features, analyze terms, renewals, and assist in the negotiation process based upon a technical understanding of the contract terms and desired objectives and outcomes.

The consultant must have strong technical knowledge of all respondents, subsequent contract terms, as well as the ability to benchmark rates and services to aid in the renewal negotiation process. The consultant shall have sufficient resources to negotiate optimal contract arrangements.

Keep City benefits staff apprised of the status of all activities and contracts.

Assist City staff in contract management. If the issue is determined to be the result of a failure on the part of the consultant to properly negotiate and/or implement contractual obligations on behalf of either the City, then the consultant will be expected to put a portion of their annual fee at risk (to be determined upon award of the consulting contract).

Financial Reporting

Gather claims, enrollment data and financial accounting reports from carriers, vendors or benefits staff, as required.

Analyze, prepare and present accurate and timely quarterly plan financial status reports in a format agreed upon with either the City.

Analyze, prepare and present a summary annual report that includes all pertinent plan utilization and financial performance data to ensure that plans are performing as to expectations.

Analyze concern areas, determine cost drivers, and make recommendations on plan design changes and/or contractual revisions that will aid in managing trend and costs while still delivering competitive benefit programs.

Provide an analysis and benchmark comparison for all self-insured benefit programs as part of the annual renewal report.

Provide annual and multi-year financial claims projections on the self-insured medical and dental plans including claim reserve recommendations and rate structure changes for the upcoming plan year in order to maintain strong funding status.

Provide benchmarks for design, contribution strategies, premium rates, deductible, co-pays, and coinsurance against national and local market surveys for comparison with other public entities as well as private companies. Report on findings at least annually with renew

5.3.4 PLAN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES

On behalf of the City, negotiate with all carriers and vendors appropriate performance guarantees as a means of ensuring contracted service delivery.

5.3.5 COMPLIANCE

Provide City benefits staff with regular ongoing up-to-date information and advice on applicable federal, state and local regulatory requirements, to include but not limited to: PPACA, COBRA, HIPAA, FMLA, CO HFWA, USERRA, IRS, and other legislation concerning employer-sponsored benefit plans.

Provide proactive notification of any proposed, pending or upcoming changes in applicable legislation. Provide necessary insight, support and guidance as requested to City staff about steps to be undertaken to establish and maintain compliance with new or current regulations to which our plans are subject.

Note that due to the public (government) entity status of the City, the self-insured plans are exempt from ERISA and State Law; however, our philosophy is to follow these regulations and tailor plans that are comparable to benefit programs offered by other organizations within the community. As a result, the City often uses ERISA regulations as a template in developing plan provisions.

Consultant would therefore be expected to keep abreast of the regulatory environment and inform the respective City staff of any requirements affecting their benefit programs.

5.3.6 Plan Audits

Provide recommended schedules and support in periodically conducting carrier or vendor plan performance reviews, claims processing and/or financial audits.

5.3.7 ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – GASB 75 COMPLIANCE

Additionally, provide required support and resources for complying with periodic GASB 75 audit requirements, including the identification, contracting and reporting by qualified auditors in compliance with legislative requirements.

5.3.8 Plan Documents and Summary Plan Description

At least annually, conduct a comprehensive review of all benefit plan documents, including recommendations for document revisions and/or updates necessary to ensure compliance with applicable legislative changes and/or industry best practices.

Annually review and recommend updates for all Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs) documents associated with applicable benefit plans. In conjunction with the respective carriers

or vendors, ensure timely review, update and publication of SPDs, either in hardcopy or electronic format.

5.3.9 Research and Consulting Services

Occasionally, as directed the City, research questions that may arise through vendor or client discussions based on the consultant's book of business, ad hoc research, or survey analysis. This includes assistance with clarification of plan language and recommendations.

In this area, we cannot reasonably anticipate how much time might be required; however, some degree of contingency should be anticipated to account for the above services. We desire to limit the amount of work in this area so that the majority of consultant time and services are dedicated to addressing those areas where expert advice is essential.

5.3.10 Vendor Management

Provide ongoing advice and support with regard to vendor management, assisting to ensure that contracted carriers or vendors are fulfilling their contractual obligations. Occasionally, as directed by the City, intervene in the event a dispute or misunderstanding should arise with regard to the implementation or interpretation of benefit plan provisions.

5.3.11 Strategic Discussions

Provide ongoing advice and support for the City with regard to new directions, innovations, or programs that either entity should be exploring as a means of further enhancing or improving the overall package of benefits offered. These strategic discussions should be based upon the respondent's familiarity and understanding of the client's short- and long-term goals and objectives.

5.3.12 Special Projects

Occasionally, as directed by the City, obtain formal quotes for other miscellaneous benefit services. Evaluate theses against the stated short- and long-term goals and objectives.

5.4 ENGAGEMENT COSTS

Proposers should state how they will meet or exceed the provision of the services stated below.

5.4.1 Full Disclosure

The contract will be awarded on a "not to exceed" cost basis. Full and complete disclosure and transparency is required. Please identify any national agreements you may have and as a result, if you would receive any commissions from any contracted carriers and/or vendors as an offset to your fees. If you have the potential to receive any commissions or offsets from any of our benefit contract, we would expect full disclosure and the right of approval based upon our operating philosophy. If accepted, your annual fee would be adjusted and/or reduced by the commissions received.

Due to conflict of interest concerns, our preference is to contract only with a consultant/broker who provides full disclosure. While we prefer a straight fee for service basis, we do recognize

that commissions are a standard practice within the insurance industry and therefore expect complete transparency with regard to compensation received by any carrier or vendor for business placed with our group.

The City may elect to contract for all or only a portion of the scope of work you propose. Please acknowledge your understanding of this provision. For this reason we ask that you provide hours and costs for each segment of the scope of services described.

5.4.2 Account Services/Management

Vendor must assign a Senior Benefits Consultant who is easily accessible to contact and to work with to coordinate City activities, regulatory compliance, evaluations, negotiations, renewals, claim or case management issues, communications, day-to-day administration, reporting requirements, and vendor management. Include an outline of this person's experience with similar accounts.

The Senior Benefits Consultant must designate an account service team made up of management and technical personnel. This team will be responsible for ensuring the quality of service provided to the City, as well as promptly resolving any problems or concerns that may develop.

The Senior Benefits Consultant will also need to designate a Benefit Analyst to handle the City financial reporting.

EXHIBIT 6 – QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

This statement will provide information which will enable the City to evaluate the qualifications of your firm and staff with regard to the requirements of this Request for Proposal. Please complete this form in its entirety and submit it (in the number of copies requested) along with the other required proposal documents. If a request in the Qualification Statement is contained in the proposal, indicate the section in the proposal where that information can be found.

(PRINT)

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE ZIP: _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TITLE: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. TYPE OF BUSINESS

2. TYPE OF LICENSE & LOCATION

CORPORATION

☐

INDIVIDUAL

☐

PARTNERSHIP

☐

JOINT VENTURE

☐

OTHER: _____

3. TYPE OF SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED FOR RFP: _____

4. NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS: _____

5. ON A SEPARATE SHEET PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR FIRM, STAFF SIZE AND EXPERIENCE. SUBMIT A RESUME FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER AND EACH KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS PROJECT.

6. WHAT OTHER NAME(S) HAS YOUR COMPANY OPERATED UNDER: _____

7. HAVE YOU OR YOUR FIRM EVER FAILED TO COMPLETE ANY WORK AWARDED TO YOU? YES ☐ NO ☐ IF "YES", EXPLAIN:

8. HAS ANY OFFICER OR PARTNER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION EVER BEEN AN OFFICER OR PARTNER OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT FAILED TO COMPLETE A CONTRACT WITHIN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS? YES ☐ NO ☐

IF "YES", EXPLAIN:

9. HAS YOUR FIRM OR ANY PARTNERS OR OFFICERS EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY BANKRUPTCY ACTION? YES ☐ NO ☐ IF "YES", EXPLAIN:

10. ARE YOU PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY LITIGATION WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY? YES ☐ NO ☐ IF "YES", EXPLAIN TYPE, KIND, PLAINTIFF, DEFENDANT, ETC., AND STATE THE CURRENT STATUS:

11. BANK REFERENCE:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT:

PHONE:

12. LIST THREE (3) SIMILAR PROJECTS (LOCAL OR STATE-WIDE) **FROM LAST FIVE (5) YEARS**-INCLUDE LOCATION OF PROJECT, SIZE OF PROJECT (CONTRACT AMOUNT), CONTACT NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NOTE: DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE PROJECTS MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED IN THE RFP PACKAGE.

1. Location of Project:

Size of Project:

Contract Amount:

Contact Name and Title:

Contact Address:

Contact telephone and FAX Numbers:

2. Location of Project:

Size of Project:

Contract Amount:

Contact Name:

Contact Address:

Contact telephone and FAX Numbers:

3. Location of Project:

Size of Project:

Contract Amount:

Contact Name:

Contact Address:

Contact telephone and FAX Numbers:

13. LIST **CURRENT** SIMILAR PROJECTS (LOCAL OR STATE-WIDE) UNDER CONTRACT- INCLUDE LOCATION OF PROJECT, SIZE OF PROJECT (CONTRACT AMOUNT) CONTACT NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

NOTE: DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE PROJECTS MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED IN THE RFP PACKAGE.

1. Location of Project:

Size of Project:

Contract Amount:

	Contact Name and Title:
	Contact Address:
	Contact telephone and FAX Numbers:
2.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project:
	Contract Amount:
	Contact Name and Title:
	Contact Address:
	Contact telephone and FAX Numbers:
3.	Location of Project:
	Size of Project:
	Contract Amount:
	Contact Name and Title:
	Contact Address:
	Contact telephone and FAX Numbers:
14.	LIST OF SUB-CONTRACTORS TO BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT: (INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, TYPE OF WORK)
1.	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Type of Work:
2.	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Type of Work:
3.	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Type of Work:

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ON A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ANY OF THE ITEMS, CLEARLY SPECIFY WHERE IT CAN BE LOCATED IN YOUR PROPOSAL PACKAGE.

EXHIBIT 7 – SAMPLE EVALUATION SCORESHEET

PROPOSAL EVALUATION SCORE SHEET
SOLICITATION NUMBER AND TITLE: R21-041NS BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES

Proposer's Name: _____

Evaluator Number: _____

RFP EVALUATION CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	SCORE
1. EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS AREA	
In this section, the Offeror must demonstrate that it meets and/or exceeds all requirements regarding expertise and qualifications of personnel proposed to complete the work defined in the Statement of Work/Scope of Services of this RFP. Qualifications of personnel are considered of the essence of the services provided. Therefore, the Offeror must provide information on Key Personnel who will be the personnel performing the consulting services.	
A. Relevant Experience	
<p>In the Expertise and Qualifications Area, the Offeror should provide at least three references or identify contracts demonstrating that it successfully provided services/products that are the same or similar to those required in the RFP. The proposal should adequately explain the successful outcomes of the projects. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the proposal include at least three references or past performance citations? 2. Are the references or past performance citations relevant to the requirements of the Statement of Work of the RFP? 3. Does the Offeror explain how they were successful on the projects provided as past performance? 4. Does the Offeror apply the past performance to the City requirement in such a way as to demonstrate added value due to experience? <p>COMMENTS:</p>	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p> <p>Rating: _____</p>
B. Key Personnel	
In the Expertise and Qualifications Area, resumes must be provided for all personnel who would be performing work on the resultant Contract. Resumes do not count toward the page limit. It is highly recommended that the Offeror provide sufficient content and detail to answer completely the	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p>

<p>following questions. Explain how the key personnel were related to the projects cited as relevant past performance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Offeror provide complete resumes, including education, experience, background information, accomplishments, and other pertinent information? 2. Does the Offeror provide resumes for all key personnel, as required by the RFP? 3. Do the resumes demonstrate adequate professional, technical, and management levels to accomplish the work effectively and efficiently? 4. Do the key personnel possess all requisite certifications, licenses, experience, etc.? <p>COMMENTS:</p>	<p>Rating: _____</p>
<p>Sum of Ratings in Technical Area (Add numbers in Section 1.A. and 1.B):</p>	
<p>Evaluation Factor:</p>	<p>.50</p>
<p>Expertise and Qualifications Area Evaluation Score (Multiply the sum of ratings in Technical Area by the evaluation factor):</p>	
<p>2. PRICE AREA</p>	
<p>In the Price Area, the Offeror should provide a detailed breakdown of the price for each year of performance. The price must be fully loaded/all-inclusive and include unit cost for material, labor, other direct costs (e.g. travel), indirect costs (i.e. overhead and general and administrative costs), and profit/fee. Offers must include sufficient detail to allow insight into the fairness and reasonableness of the price. If the contract type will be T&M, labor categories, labor rates, separated profit, and estimated material costs must be included in detail.</p> <p>In addition, although price may not be the most important factor, it is still very important to the City of Colorado Springs. The Offeror's pricing must be competitive as compared to the budget amount, market pricing in the industry, and the pricing of the other Offerors.</p> <p>Consider the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the price compare to the industry competition? 2. If low, is it unrealistically low? 3. If high, is there demonstrated added value for the additional cost? 4. Can you see how the price was built? If so, do the costs look appropriate for the task? 	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p> <p>Rating: _____</p>

<p>5. Does the Offeror leave applicable costs out of the calculations? For instance, some will say travel is not included and will be an extra cost. This should be considered when comparing to other Offerors.</p> <p>6. Are there additional costs not addressed that the City would incur if the Offeror were awarded the contract? If so, include those costs when comparing to the budget amount and the competition.</p> <p>COMMENTS:</p>	
Total Price/Cost Area (Insert number from Section 2 evaluation above):	
Evaluation Factor:	.40
Price/Cost Area Evaluation Score (Multiply the Total Price/Cost Area by the evaluation factor):	
3. PROPOSAL PRESENTATION	
<p>Presentation is an important factor. Offerors should provide a highly professional product, which is complete, accurate, easily understood, and effectively presented.</p> <p>COMMENTS:</p>	<p>5 – Exceptional 4 – Very Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Marginal 1 – Unacceptable</p> <p>Rating: _____</p>
Total Proposal Presentation Area (Insert number from Section 4 evaluation above):	
Evaluation Factor:	.10
Proposal Presentation Area Evaluation Score (Multiply the Total Proposal Presentation Area score by the evaluation factor):	
LOCATION BONUS (IF APPLICABLE)	
Total Bonus Points for location:	
EXCEPTIONS PROPOSED	
<p>What (if any) exceptions (redlines to our terms and conditions) were proposed? Are they acceptable?</p> <p>COMMENTS:</p>	Pass/Fail

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS Does the Offeror meet all insurance requirements?	Pass/Fail
TOTAL SCORE – Add Evaluation Scores from Sections 1-4 and location bonus (if applicable). The sum is the total score.	Total Score:

Overall Proposal **Strengths**:

Overall Proposal **Weaknesses**:

EXHIBIT 8 – BENEFITS CONSULTING QUESTIONNAIRE

R21-041NS BENEFIT CONSULTING SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE – (This document must be returned with proposal – Any additional information should reference I.D. #)						Y = Yes N = Not Available 3P = 3rd Party/Work Around F = Future
ID #	Requirements	Y	N	3P	F	Comment
1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION						
1.1.1	Please verify that all benefits and provisions comply with the bid specifications except as noted in your below responses.					
1.1.2	Please quote a July 1, 2021 effective date with an annual renewal date of January 1. Any notice of rate change must be given 120 days prior to the change. Note that the City has a requirement of a 1 year contract with up to four additional one year renewal options. How would your annual fee be billed? Monthly, quarterly, etc.					
1.1.4	Please include a renewal rate cap or a multi-year rate guarantee.					
1.1.5	Would you be willing to place any fees at risk? If so, how would you structure your performance guarantee and measures?					
1.1.6	Describe your proposed form of compensation (e.g. commission, annual retainer, fee for service). If you are proposing a fee, please include your fee schedule and/or hourly rates.					
1.1.7	The contract will be awarded on a “not to exceed” cost basis. Full and complete disclosure and transparency is required. Please identify any national agreements you may have and as a result, if you would receive any commissions from any contracted carriers and/or vendors as an offset to your fees. If you have the potential to receive any commissions or offsets from any of our benefit contracts, we would expect full disclosure and the right of approval based upon our operating philosophy. If accepted, your annual fee would be adjusted and/or reduced by the commissions received.					
1.1.8	Provide the history of your firm, particularly your employee benefits division.					
1.1.9	Please identify if you will use any third party vendors for any of the services required under the RFP. If so, when and how would they be used and					

	how will they be compensated? Does the third party vendor require access to carrier claims information and/or employer database or enrollment information?					
1.1.10	Who do you use for actuarial services? Please provide credentials.					
1.1.11	What is your core business?					
1.1.12	Where are your corporate headquarters located? From what location will the City's account representative be based?					
1.1.13	Who would be working directly with the City on administrative issues, questions, or problem solving? Please provide the roles and qualification of each person. Also, include the number of clients each person is expected to handle.					
1.1.14	Furnish a list of insurance companies, third-party administrators, and other providers for which the consultant is an authorized agent or broker.					
1.1.15	Provide a count of your existing clients categorized by large (5000 or more), medium (1000-4999), or small (under 1000) group.					
1.1.16	How many public sector clients does your firm currently provide benefit consulting services to?					
1.1.17	How many clients of similar size to our organization have you lost in the last 3 year? Explain why?					
1.1.18	What amount of general professional and liability insurance do you maintain?					
1.1.19	Describe the form of professional liability or errors and omissions insurance carried by your company and the amount of coverage.					
1.1.20	Provide a copy of your proposed implementation timetable.					
2.0 ACCOUNT SERVICES						Y = Yes N = Not Available 3P = 3 rd Party/Work Around F = Future
ID #	Requirements	Y	N	3P	F	Comment
2.1.1	Briefly describe the level of service and support provided to the client by your account representative (and team) on a day-to-day basis. What is your process for ensuring customer satisfaction?					
2.1.2	What kind of training (industry, internal, computer, other) does your firm expect or require your staff to receive?					
2.1.3	Describe how you would develop a benefit communication strategy with your clients. Include what tools or resources you have available to assist					

	your clients in effectively communication not only the specific plan details but also the value of the benefits offered. What, if any, are the costs associated with developing and providing materials?					
2.1.4	What training resources does your firm provide to assist your clients in education and training their benefit staff?					
2.1.5	How do you help facilitate annual open enrollments? Include technology based approaches and identify additional costs.					
2.1.6	How will you help with vendor management, including monthly (or quarterly) supervision and/or preparation of claims activity reports from carriers; executive summary reports; underwriting analysis for annual renewals; annual financial projections for budgeting purposes; and alternative funding analyses?					
2.1.7	What resources do you use to analyze medical and pharmacy claims?					
2.1.8	Do you offer actuarial valuation of other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) – GASB 75 Compliance? If so, what is the fee for this service?					
2.1.9	Do you offer actuarial services for non-discrimination testing, Minimum Essential Coverage, and other benefit-related needs? If so, what are the fees for these services?					
3.0 LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE						Y = Yes N = Not Available 3P = 3 rd Party/Work Around F = Future
3.1.1	Do you have an in-house benefits attorney? Do you use an external benefits attorney, and which firm do you use? Do the offer expertise in public employer, non-ERISA plans?					
3.1.2	How will your firm notify us of changes in federal and/or local laws, including all COVID-19 Pandemic relief that would affect us?					
3.1.3	Explain what steps you have taken to become HIPAA compliant.					
3.1.4	What specific services, resources, and support are you provided related to the new legislation? What is available to your clients?					
3.1.5	Indicate your willingness to sign a Business Associate Agreement with the City to comply with HIPAA regulations.					
3.1.6	Please detail your administrative capabilities on benefits plan compliance issues.					

4.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND VENDOR SELECTION

Y = Yes
N = Not Available
3P = 3rd Party/Work Around
F = Future

ID #		Y	N	3P	F	Comment
4.1.1	What resources do you have available to help us manage our benefits and outline a benefits strategy consistent with current and future organizational plans, along with compliance with new regulations? Detail how your firm assists clients in developing a strategic benefit plan.					
4.1.2	What benchmarking and industry trends resources do you provide to clients? Does your firm conduct national surveys?					
4.1.3	How will you assist us with the competitive marketing and placement of our plans, including development of marketing specifications, identification of market conditions, evaluation of proposals, negotiations, and placement of insurance contracts for annual renewals?					
4.1.4	How can you help us develop cost projections tied to our fiscal goals?					
4.1.5	How will you save our organization money?					
4.1.6	How will you demonstrate the savings?					
4.1.7	Describe your firm's anticipated involvement in the annual renewal process. Include information regarding process timeframes, negotiations of rates and vendor selection.					

EXHIBIT 9 – BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

A. EXHIBIT 8 HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between _____ (“Business Associate”) an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado and the City of Colorado Springs (“Covered Entity”). Business Associate is an independent contractor of Covered Entity. Business Associate and Covered Entity are individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity, including ensuring compliance with 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, 164.314, and 164.316.

1. Applicability: Conflicts. This Agreement applies with respect to all contracts or other arrangements (“Underlying Agreement”) by and between Business Associate and Covered Entity that involve the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information (“PHI”). This Agreement addresses the business associate requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”) (P.L. 111-5), HIPAA’s implementing regulations (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164), and the HITECH Act, all as may be further amended from time to time. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in 45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103, 164.103, 164.304 and 164.501, as amended from time to time. As used in this Agreement, all references to PHI shall refer to the PHI of Covered Entity unless stated otherwise. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Underlying Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall control. Furthermore, any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with ARRA and HIPAA.

2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate. Business Associate agrees as follows:

(a) Business Associate agrees not to use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement, the Underlying Agreement, or as Required By Law.

(b) Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. Business Associate will document and keep these safeguards current. With respect to any and all electronic PHI, Business Associate agrees to implement administrative, physical and technical

(c) Business Associate agrees to report promptly, in writing, to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Agreement, or any Security Incident involving electronic PHI, of which Business Associate becomes aware. Each report shall identify the nature of the non-permitted use or disclosure, the PHI used or disclosed, the person(s) who made the use or disclosure, the person(s) who received the PHI, the corrective action taken by Business Associate and such other information as Covered Entity may reasonably request. Business Associate will cooperate with Covered Entity in the investigation and resolution of the matter, and will mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effects that are known to or can reasonably be detected by Business Associate.

(d) Business Associate agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides PHI received from, or created or received by, Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.

(e) Business Associate certifies that its workforce, as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and who uses or discloses Covered Entity's PHI, has been properly trained on Business Associate's policies and procedures regarding compliance with HIPAA including sanction policies for failure to comply with these policies and procedures. Business Associate agrees to ensure that access to PHI related to Covered Entity is limited to those workforce members who require such access because of their role or function.

(f) Business Associate agrees to provide access to Covered Entity of PHI maintained in a Designated Record Set to enable Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524. Business Associate agrees to make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set that Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526 within the time and manner designated by Covered Entity. In the event that Business Associate receives a request directly from an Individual for a copy of his/her PHI or to amend his/her PHI, Business Associate shall forward such request within five (5) business days after receipt of such request to enable Covered Entity to respond to the Individual's request.

(g) Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary), in a time and manner designated by Covered Entity or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining Covered

Entity's compliance with HIPAA. Additionally, Business Associate shall immediately advise Covered Entity of any inspection request made by regulators.

(h) Business Associate agrees to document disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528. Business Associate agrees to provide Covered Entity with information collected in accordance with this Agreement or the Underlying Agreement to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

(i) Compliance with ARRA.

(i) Business Associate will comply with the security requirements referenced in Section 13401 of ARRA, including the requirements of 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, and 164.316, and the HITECH Act. Further, Business Associate will comply with any and all privacy and security regulations issued pursuant to ARRA and applicable to Business Associate as and when those regulations are effective.

(ii) Business Associate understands that it is now subject to the same federal penalties (ARRA Section 13401(b)) as Covered Entity for violation of the security requirements referenced therein. Business Associate accepts full responsibility for any penalties incurred as a result of its own breaches or violations of Covered Entity's PHI.

(iii) Business Associate will, following the discovery of a breach of "unsecured PHI," as defined in 45 C.F.R § 164.402, notify Covered Entity of such breach within 15 days. The notice shall include the identification of each Individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed during such breach. A breach is discovered as of the first day on which such breach is known to Business Associate or should have been reasonably known to Business Associate.

(iv) Upon discovery of a breach of unsecured PHI by Business Associate, Covered Entity and Business Associate will collaborate to determine which Party is in the best position to provide notification.

(v) Business Associate will maintain documentation of all breach notifications it makes or the application of any exceptions to the definition of breach to demonstrate that nonfiction was not required.

(vi) Business Associate may use and disclose PHI only if such use or disclosure, respectively, is in compliance with each applicable Business Associate Agreement 2014

requirement of 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e) (Uses and disclosures: Organizational requirements: Business Associate contracts) and the privacy requirements referenced in Section 13404 of ARRA.

(vii) Business Associate shall provide an accounting of disclosures to Individuals requesting an accounting as required by Section 13405(c) of ARRA.

(j) Business associate agrees to satisfy all applicable provisions of HIPAA standards for electronic transactions and code sets, also known as the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Standards, at 45 CFR Part 162, as well as all operating rules that apply to standard transactions, submission of certifications to HHS (to the extent HHS permits) concerning standard transactions, and all other electronic data interchange requirements included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. Business Associate further agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, that conducts standard transactions on its behalf will comply with the EDI Standards.

(k) Business Associate acknowledges that the enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5, ARRA) amended certain provisions of HIPAA in ways that now directly regulate Business Associate's obligations and activities under HIPAA's Privacy Rule and Security Rule, including the Breach Notification Rule. Business Associate agrees to comply, as of the applicable effective dates of each HIPAA obligation relevant to Business Associate, with the requirements of ARRA, including monitoring of federal guidance and regulations published thereunder and timely compliance with such guidance and regulations. In consequence of the foregoing direct regulation of Business Associate by HIPAA laws and regulations, notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, Business Associate further agrees to monitor HIPAA Privacy and Security requirements imposed by future laws and regulations, and to timely comply with such requirements when acting for or on behalf of the Plan in its capacity as a Business Associate.

3. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

(a) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement or the Underlying Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform services to or on behalf of Covered Entity as described in and in compliance with the Underlying Agreement, including data aggregation services related to the health care operations of the Covered Entity, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate HIPAA if undertaken by Covered Entity.

(b) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement or the Underlying Agreement, Business Associate may:

(i) use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate; and

(ii) disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, provided that such disclosures are required by law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and be used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

4. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY.

(a) Covered Entity shall provide Business Associate with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose PHI, if such changes affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses and disclosures.

(b) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, if such restriction affects Business Associate's permitted or required uses or disclosures.

(c) Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA.

5. TERM AND TERMINATION.

(a) This Agreement shall be effective as of the date that the Underlying Agreement is effective with respect to Covered Entity, and shall terminate when all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.

(b) Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach in accordance with the Underlying Agreement. Covered Entity may terminate this Business Associate Agreement ("this Agreement") and the Underlying Agreement between Covered Entity and Business Associate which is the subject of any material breach of this Agreement by Business Associate if Business Associate does not cure the breach as provided in the Underlying Agreement. If Business Associate Agreement

Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible, Covered Entity may immediately terminate this Agreement. This provision shall be in addition to and shall not limit any rights of termination or obligations set forth in the Underlying Agreement.

(c) If Covered Entity knows of a pattern of activity or practice by Business Associate that constitutes a material breach or violation of this Agreement and the breach or violation continues, and if termination of this Agreement is not feasible, Covered Entity is required by HIPAA to report the breach or violation to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(d) Effect of Termination.

(i) Except as provided in Section 5(d)(ii), upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. Destruction shall include destruction of all copies including backup tapes and other electronic backup media. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Except as provided in Section 5(d)(ii), Business Associate shall retain no copies of the PHI.

(ii) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible, extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI, and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI.

(iii) Business Associate's obligation to protect the privacy of PHI is continuous and survives any termination, cancellation, expiration, or other conclusion of this Agreement or the Underlying Agreement.

6. INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) Business Associate agrees to hold harmless Covered Entity, its officers, agents or employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including costs and reasonable attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages that are caused by or result from the acts or omissions of Business Associate, its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors with respect to the use or disclosure of Covered Entity's PHI.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Governing Law. The interpretation of this Agreement and the resolution of any disputes arising under this Agreement are governed solely by the laws of Colorado, exclusive of any of the choice of law provisions of that or any other state. If any action or other proceeding is brought on or in connection with this Agreement, the venue of such action will be exclusively in Colorado having venue over the Underlying Agreement. Each Party consents to the jurisdiction of such courts and waives any objection it may have with respect to venue.

(b) Notices. Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement will be made in writing (ink-and-paper) and may be sent by United States mail, overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission and will be deemed to have been received by the applicable Party (i) three (3) business days after the confirmed date of deposit with the United States Postal Service, (ii) the date of delivery if by overnight delivery service, or (iii) one (1) business day after transmission when sent by confirmed facsimile transmission (each a "Notice Date") to the applicable address / fax number as set forth on the signature pages to this Agreement or such different address / fax number as a Party may designate in a notice provided to the other Party.

(c) Change in Law. The Parties acknowledge that amendments to applicable state or federal law or regulations or a court or regulators' interpretation of such laws or regulations may necessitate future changes to this Agreement. In such

event, the Parties agree to provide written notice of such conflict to the other Party and to negotiate in good faith toward a written amendment to comply with such changes in the law or regulations or interpretation of the law or regulations.

(d) Assignment. Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended to confer or assign any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities upon any person or entity other than Covered Entity and Business Associate and their respective successors and assigns.

(e) No Third Party Beneficiaries. It is expressly understood and agreed that enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the Parties hereto, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other or third person or entity on such Agreement. It is the express intention of the Parties hereto that any person or entity, other than the Parties to this Agreement, receiving services or benefits under this Agreement shall be deemed to be incidental beneficiaries only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized representatives on the dates indicated below. EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT PERSONALLY REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT THE PARTY FOR WHOM HE OR SHE IS ACTING HAS DULY AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTION AND PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

"BUSINESS ASSOCIATE":

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

"COVERED ENTITY":

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

SECTION VI

6.0 SCHEDULES

Schedule A Price Sheet

SCHEDULE A – PRICE SHEET

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS SCOPE/SERVICE TYPE	ESTIMATED ANNUAL HOURS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST
1) City of Colorado Springs Consulting Services		
2) Financial Reporting		
3) Contracting and Renewals		
4) Compliance		
5) Special Projects		
	ANNUAL TOTAL:	